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HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

FOKIS TIED TO PINE TREES.

STANLEY RD. REPORT.

A highway robbery between Stanley and Shaikwan last night has been reported to the police.

A foki of the Kwong Sang grocer's shop, Main Street, Stanley village, reports that he left Stanley about 4.30 p.m. in the company of two other foks from the same shop with money to buy provisions at Shaikwan.

About 6.30 p.m., as it was getting dark, two men are reported to have appeared suddenly from bushes at the side of the road the lower halves of their faces being covered with handkerchiefs.

One of the men is reported to have covered the foks with a revolver whilst the other tied their hands behind them and secured them to pine trees at the side of the road. \$27 was then taken from their persons and the robbers disappeared, according to the report, leaving their victims tied to the trees.

Half an hour later, having managed to free themselves, the foks made their way to Shaikwan police station where they reported the matter.

Theft From Ship.

Capt. Collins of the s.s. "Bellorophon" reports on arrival from Singapore yesterday that in the course of the voyage five rolls of blue cloth, value unknown, were stolen from the after-hold and that yet another roll was stolen between 5 p.m. the time of the vessels arrival and 11 p.m. yesterday.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

FRIENDSHIP WITH INDOS-CHINA'S NEIGHBOURS.

Paris, Nov. 5.

The "Temps" studying Indo-China's conditions, emphasises that the good confident Franco-Siamese relations, which have never been more cordial, have inspired a desire for close co-operation.—Havas.

MINE COLLAPSE.

DEATH ROLL NOW OVER FIFTY.

Jahpeming, Nov. 5.

It is now estimated that 51 miners were killed in the collapse of the mine, reported yesterday.—Reuter's American Service.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—

"Glaucois (4792) Bri, from Singapore; B. & S.

City of Cairo (5024) Bri, from Bremen and Singapore; Bank Line.

Soochow (1694) Bri, from Swatow; B. & S.

Pook Sang (1987) Bri, from Calcutta and Singapore; J. M.

President Cleveland (8393) American, from Manila; Dollar Line.

Tonkin (846) French, from Haiphong; M. M.

Kamo Maru (4885) Japanese, from Yokohama and Shanghai; N.Y.K.

Kyodo Maru (1222) Japanese, from Keelung and Swatow; O.S.K.

Clearances.

For Amoy: Tilawa.

For Singapore: Amur Maru.

Departures.

For Singapore: Viminale.

For Canton: Langchow.

For Ningpo: Linan.

For Moji: Tando.

For Swatow: Hai Ning.

For Manila: City of Baroda.

For Singapore: Takliwa, Kung Sang.

For Shanghai: Bellerophon.

For Saigon: La Plata Maru.

For Canton: Cheongshing.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	19
American	2
Norwegian	3
German	2
Portuguese	3
Japanese	5
Chinese	15
Dutch	7
Panama	1
French	3
No Flag	1
Total	59

SPANISH PLOT.

700 SEPARATISTS CROSS FRONTIER.

Perpignan, November 5.

A message from Toulouse states that a force of about 700 Separatists have crossed the frontier into Spain in small parties and that they have taken to the mountains. It is reported that they have been joined by a number of fellow Separatists.

It is stated that the Spanish Government has despatched two regiments of the Civic Guard to the frontier. All is quiet in Spain. The Press is rigorously censored, and does not refer to the Separatist plot.—Reuter.

CLUBBED PACKAGES.

No Exchange Between China and Dutch East Indies.

It is notified that the Postal Administrations of the Netherlands East Indies and the Republic of China have decided by virtue of the provision of the following sections of Article 34 of the Convention of Stockholm to prohibit the exchange of Clubbed Packages with Hong Kong as from January 1, viz:—

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Section 8.—Apart from the exceptions prescribed by the Convention and its detailed regulations, articles which do not fulfil the conditions laid down are not to be forwarded.

JAPANESE LAND LAW CHANGE.

Tokyo, Oct. 29.—The Cabinet to-day decided to issue an Imperial Ordinance, which will be effective from November 11, whereby the Alien Land Law, which was passed by the Diet last session, is virtually amended in such a way as will enable foreigners to own land, with the exception of certain specified strategic areas, irrespective of nationality, whereas the Land Law stipulated that this right was only to be granted to those whose countries granted similar privileges.

It is understood that the law was really worded so as to lay down Japan's belief in the principle of reciprocity, whilst the Ordinance exemplifies her willingness to concede privileges on condition that they are not regarded as rights.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAU."

Entertainments.
 November 6—Queen's Theatre; "Her Sister from Paris."
 November 6—World Theatre; Douglas Fairbanks in the "Don Q. Son of Zorro."

November 6—Star Theatre; "The Tenser."
 November 6—Grand Carnival Dinner Dances at Café-Restaurant Parisien.

November 6—Dance at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon.
 November 13—The Hong Kong A.D.C.'s Dramatic Medley at Theatre Royal, 9.30 p.m.

November 18—Pianoforte Recital at Helena May Institute.
 Sports.

November 6—Fifth Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.
 November 6—First boxing tournament of the season under H.K. Boxing Assn. at Theatre Royal.

Auction.
 November 8—Auction of Nos. 2 and 3 Kimberley Road, Kowloon, by Messrs. Lammer Bros. at their Duddell Street, Sales Room, 3 p.m.

Meetings.
 November 8—General Meeting of the Kowloon Football Club at the Club, 6.15 p.m.

November 18—Half-yearly meeting of members of the H.K. Jockey Club, Hong Kong Club Annex, 12.30 p.m.

November 12—Twenty-ninth meeting of China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co. Ltd., St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m. and extraordinary meeting at 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.
 November 19—Children's afternoon, at Helena May Institute.
 November 20—Annual Fete, organised by H.K.W.G. & M.C.L. in the grounds of Government House, from 2.30 p.m.

December 26—His Lordship the Bishop of London will preach at St. John's Cathedral, 11 a.m.

THE WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow, the local weather forecast (official) is:—fresh East winds, fine.

INVESTITURE.

GOVERNOR TO RECEIVE ST. JOHN ORDER.

At Murray Parade ground on Monday, H.R.H. Prince George will inspect the St. John Ambulance Brigade and invest H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) with the insignia of "Knight of Grace of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem."

The Order of Procedure will be:—

H.R.H. Prince George will be received with a Royal Salute.

His Royal Highness will inspect the Corps.

Hollow Square will be formed, and His Royal Highness will invest H.E. the Governor.

Ranks will be re-formed and the Corps will "March Past" and off the ground.

Spectators are requested to keep their seats until His Royal Highness has left the ground.

The public is cordially invited to be present and should arrive not later than 5.05 p.m.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

List of passengers who arrived per Dollar liner s.s. "President Cleveland" from Manila yesterday: Mr. G. Anderson, Mr. E. A. Booth, Mr. B. Baxafra, Mr. V. C. Berg, Mr. R. Bruce, Mr. P. D. Chaffin, Mr. G. R. Childs, Mr. G. W. Davis, Mr. A. S. Herrera, Mrs. T. Kawafai, Mr. V. C. Kelley, Mr. T. Kawafai, Mr. T. S. Kew, Mr. F. R. Lorenzo, Mr. E. F. Lower, Mr. J. F. McGwin, Mr. R. M. Moore, Mr. P. Y. Panglo, Mr. J. Robaglio, Mr. E. R. Reyes, Mr. F. Rusoa, Mr. A. P. Santiago and Miss Z. Safford.

DEPARTURES.

List of passengers departed on board the A.O.L. s.s. "President Grant" for Manila on November 4: Mrs. K. G. Ainsworth, Miss K. W. Ainsworth, Master G. E. Ainsworth, Mr. Wm. Arnett, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bourne, Miss E. Bourne, Mrs. S. Bullard, Mr. and Mrs. P. Happ, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Heilbronn, Mrs. L. F. Kimball, Miss E. B. Kimball, Mr. Clifton, Mr. V. Martinez, Mr. R. M. Mahler, Miss J. Mathews, Mrs. F. J. Marquart, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. McClelland, Mrs. B. E. Meade, Mrs. L. G. Merrill, Mrs. F. W. Muller, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rand, Jr., Miss J. Rand, Dr. E. A. Rodier, Mrs. J. P. Schwerin, Mrs. F. Slingluff, Miss S. Slingluff, Master F. Slingluff, Miss A. Smith, Miss B. Smith, Mrs. C. L. Smith, Mr. C. B. Weiss, Mrs. V. B. Smythe, Mr. H. A. Anderson, Major C. W. Sale, Mr. J. R. Payden, Lieut-Comdr. C. R. Price, Mrs. L. Price, Mr. L. Y. Hin, Mrs. C. Shee, Mr. S. K. Kee, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Chamberlin, Mr. L. T. Watly and Mr. A. Hussan.

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Sandakan	Sailed	SATURDAY	October 30
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Jesselton	Sailed	MONDAY	November 1
	Arrived	WEDNESDAY	November 3
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"Diehard" Pickets: Actions of a section of "diehard" agitators in Canton, against British interests, are carefully recorded, leading up to Mr. Eugene Chen's explanation.

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**THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL
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Hong Kong Club Annex, on
THURSDAY, 18th November, 1926,
at 12.30 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th Nov., 1926.

**HONG KONG WOMEN'S GUILD &
MINISTERING CHILDREN'S
LEAGUE**

ANNUAL FETE.

SATURDAY, November 20, 1926,
to be held in
Government House Grounds.
(By kind permission of H.E. The
Governor at 2 p.m.)

Owing to the fact that the Hong Kong
Jockey Club Race Committee have fixed
the date of their First Extra Race
Meet in November on the 5th of that
month, the President of the H.K.W.G. and
M.C.L. has decided in the best
interests of all concerned to postpone
the M.C.L. Fete until Saturday,
November 20th, as His Excellency the
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very graciously and kindly consented
to allow the date to be changed.

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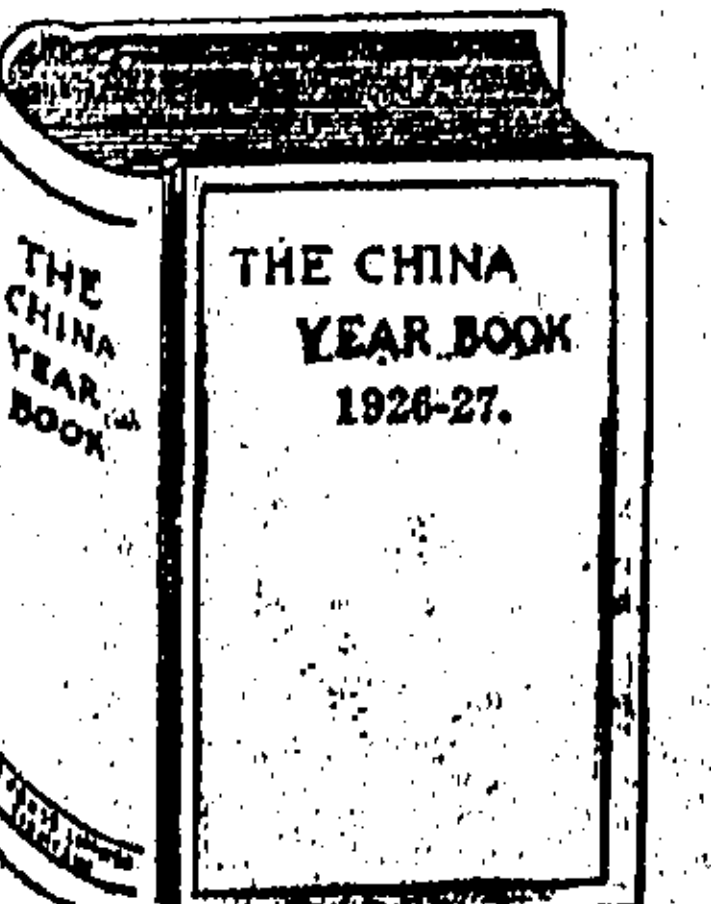
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RUTHLESS DEEDS.

Peking, October 25.—Messages
received by mail from Kaifeng,
Honan, give details of the terri-
ble atrocities wrought by bandits
in that province.

The brigands who captured the
missionaries Rev. I. S. W.
Ryding and Mr. C. F. Davies
were a large band about ten
thousand strong who operated in
four groups. Banditry of the
worst kind is not a new thing in
Honan but these villains are
stated to have manifested a
brand of devilry not known in
recent times.

As they moved from the south-
east towards Kaifeng they looted
towns and villages as they went
while their scouts roved the dis-
tricts for miles round looking for
people whom they could kidnap.

Many of their actions were too
ghastly to narrate. Their idea
evidently was to strike terror
into the people by their utterly
ruthless deeds. For instance at
Chowkiakow they took eight per-
sons immediately on entering the
city and burned them alive as a
warning to those who might try to
withhold money from them.

When the bandits took Chenliu
they killed the district magis-
trate, who is said to have been a
particularly fine man who had a
chance to escape by motor-car be-
fore the arrival of the brigands,
but he did not do so lest the
people should be over-anxious.
He was murdered in a most
brutal manner. It was here that
Mr. Ryding, who is a Manchester
man, was taken captive along
with about two hundred Chinese.
They were all tied up with ropes
and led away in strings like ani-
mals, but as already reported, Mr.
Ryding has now been released.
Numbers of people were killed at
Chenliu.

The bandits advanced to within
25 li of Kaifeng itself but have
now retired to the south of the
province, so the inhabitants of the
capital and the surrounding dis-
tricts can again breathe freely.

CROWLAND ABBEY.

**PICTURESQUE DEDICATION
SERVICE.**

The historic abbey at Crowland,
near Spalding, in the Lincolnshire
Fens, a great Benedictine estab-
lishment founded in 715, was re-
opened after restoration, during
which some interesting discoveries
have been made.

The chief "find" was a secret floor.
As a result of excavations the stone
floor, which has been in use since
the sixteenth century, was found to
be superimposed upon the former
floor and monks' stalls. The stone
benches thus brought to light were
used by the monks probably from
the date of the foundation of the
abbey in 715. Extensive altera-
tions have been made to the interior
of the abbey, the entire area of the
floor having been lowered some
18in., and the church resented on
a floor of oak.

A large company assembled at
the reopening and dedication by
Dr. Swayne, Bishop of Lincoln, who
also dedicated a new window, which
had been subscribed for by child-
ren of the parish. For the first
time there was down from the
abbey tower a distinctive flag of
Crowland, showing the dedication
symbols of the knives of St.
Bartholomew and the three
thonged whip. The morality
play "Everyman" was played
Mr. W. J. Thompson's lawn. The
part of Everyman was taken by
the rector, and Death was portrayed
by the Rev. A. J. Arch, vicar of
Moulton St. James.

A service took place in
the abbey, in which the Bishop
and Canon A. H. Morris, of
Gainsborough, a former rector of
Crowland, took a leading part.

A NEW EPIDEMIC.

Paris, October 25.—"Le Matin"
writes that M. Henri de Jouvenel
has stated that "an epidemic of
Internationalism" is raging every-
where.

He stated that "Soon they will
be as numerous as nations them-
selves. The Germany of to-day pre-
cipitates herself into internationalism
as she did into the war of
yesterday. She wants to conquer
all markets and develop her full
power."

"France has the right and means
of telling her that one has to
choose between the policy of
economic accord and that of ter-
ritories."

M. de Jouvenel concluded his
speech by declaring that France
must strive to bring all those In-
ternationals liable to start fighting,
to peace.

MASONIC HALL.

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DELIVERY TWO YEARS HENCE.

Japanese property on the Shang-
hai Bund was increased to the ex-
tent of approximately two mow and
an important Shanghai landmark
is shortly to pass as a result of a
real estate transaction which has
just been consummated whereby
the Masonic Hall, 30 The Bund, is
to become the property of the
Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the con-
sideration being, it is reported,
about four and one half lakhs of
taels.

The transaction, which was
handled by the Asia Realty Com-
pany, has required several months
of negotiation owing to the fact
that the purchase and sale had to
be approved by the board of direc-
tors of the N.Y.K. in Tokyo and by
the owners of the property. The
N.Y.K. is to take possession of the
property on September 1, 1928, and
although there has been no an-
nouncement regarding plans, it is
assumed that the Masonic Hall,
property amounting to 1,895 mow
will be combined with the adjacent
property formerly owned by the
Yokohama Specie Bank which was
also purchased recently by the
N.Y.K. The total area of the two
sites is approximately five mow and
cost the Japanese steamship com-
pany well over one million taels.
The old Yokohama Specie Bank pre-
mises are now being remodelled for
occupancy by the N.Y.K.

From the Old Days.
The early records of Shanghai
Masonic organisations, which have
been collected in a volume, "His-
tory of Freemasonry in Shanghai
and Northern China," published in
1913, make interesting reading
in view of the fact that the
negotiations for the purchase of
property and construction of the
old building at 30 The Bund were
conducted following the trouble-
some days of the Taiping Rebellion
when public confidence in the
future of Shanghai was seriously
shaken. For example, there is a
reference to the fact that a com-
mittee was appointed in 1852 to
consider the matter of procuring
a suitable building, but "owing to
the disturbed condition of the place
and surrounding country in con-
sequence of the proximity of the
Taiping rebels, nothing definite was
done until 1854 when

This should provide food for
thought on the part of those who
think the end of the world has come
every time a new militarist moves
into the Shanghai district.

The corner or foundation stone
of the present building was laid on
July 8, 1855, the ceremonial hav-
ing been looked forward to with
much interest for a considerable
time," according to the report of
the occasion, which states that "The
procession, which extended for a
considerable distance, displayed
noteworthy regularity." The build-
ing was dedicated on September 27,
1867, which gives some idea of the
time required to construct build-
ings in the "good old days" nearly
three-quarters of a century ago.

When Timson reached the boot-
maker's shop, where he had left his
shoes to be mended his heart sank,
for although it was early in the
evening, the shop was closed and
apparently deserted. However, he
banged on the front door and rang
the bell with some effect and at
length the bootmaker thrust his
head through an upper window.
"What d'ye want?" he demanded
"My shoes, of course. You said you'd
have them ready for me to-night."

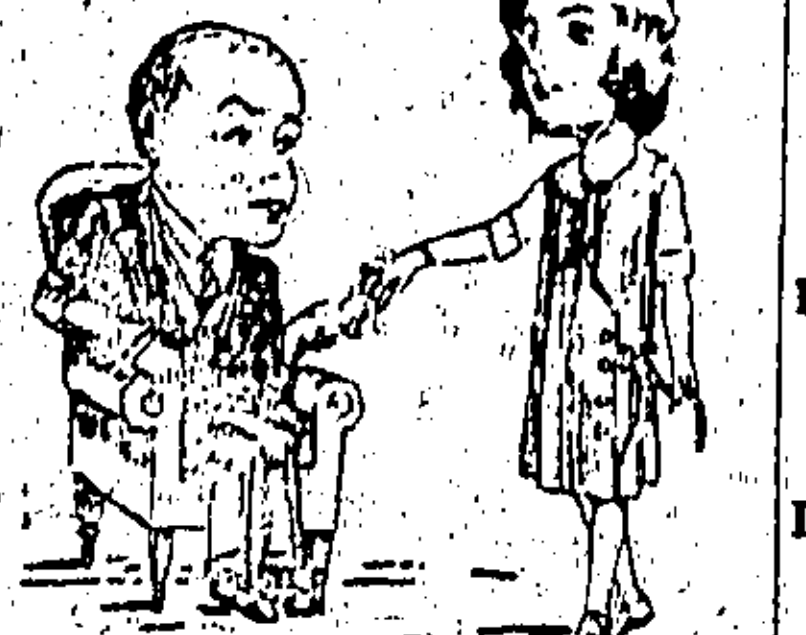
"Eh! but haven't you heard?"
answered the other. "My business
has failed. I've gone bankrupt!"

"I don't care about that! I want
my shoes!" snapped Timson.

The boot-repairer disappeared
and a few minutes later one shoe
came hurtling down, narrowly miss-
ing Timson's head.

"B-but what about the other?"
he cried.

"That's all you'll get!" came the
bootmaker's angry rejoinder. "I'm
only paying ten shillings in the
pound, mister."

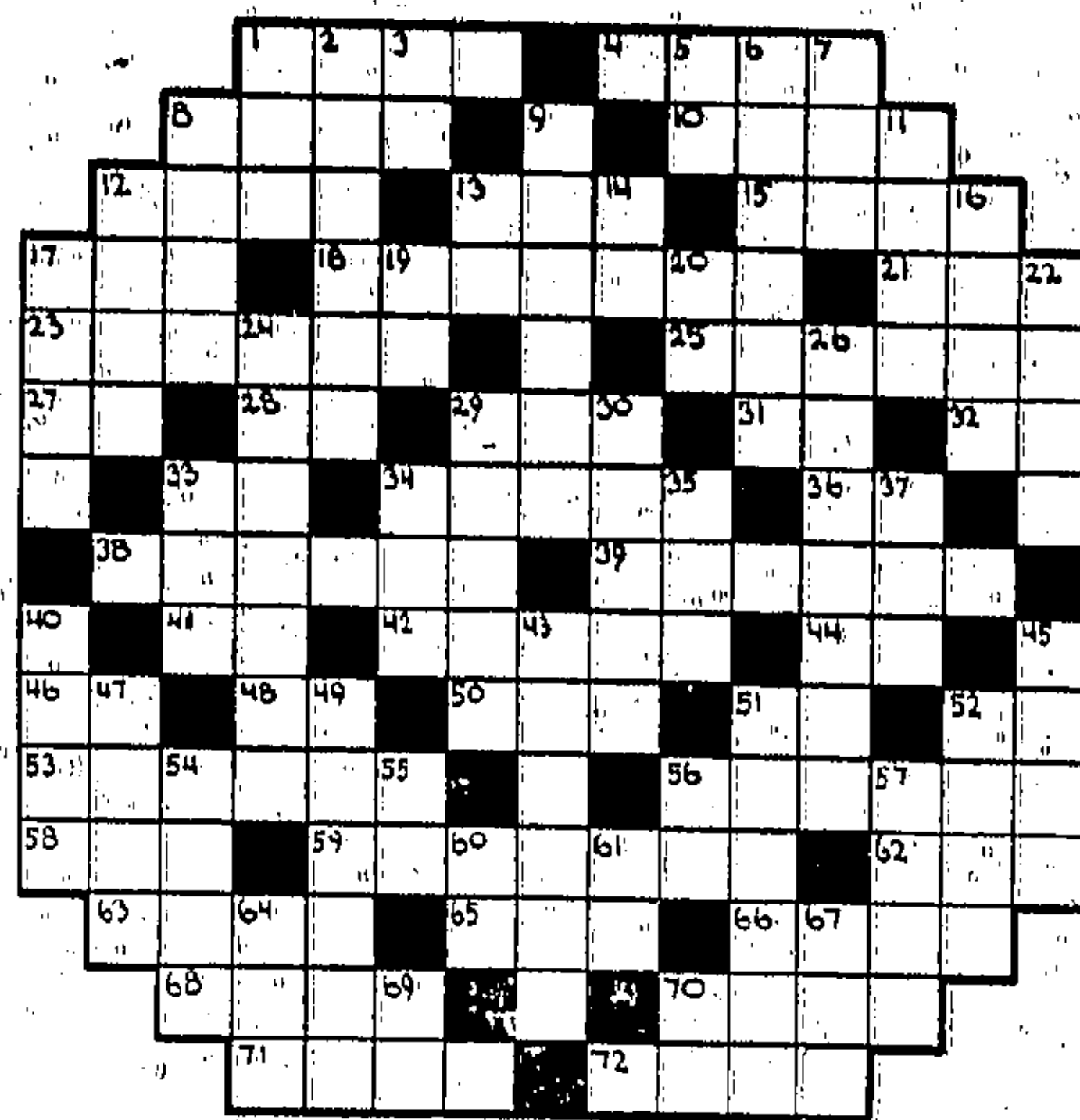


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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1—Lighting device | 50—A score in baseball | 19—Exist |
| 4—Reality | 51—The Palmetto State | 20—Like |
| 8—A royalist in 1776 | (abbr.) | 22—Excellent |
| 10—Melt | 52—Evolution | 24—Lit |
| 12—Daybreak | 53—To think over | 25—Inaccurate |
| 13—Small compact mass | 54—Hat merchant | 26—A puzzling question |
| 15—Old | 55—Also | 28—Native of Texas |
| 17—Possessive pronoun | 56—Peavish | 32—Baseball term |
| 18—Peninsula in Europe | 57—Noah's boat | 34—River bottom |
| 21—Unit of work | 58—Old-world crow | 35—Turkish governor of |
| 22—Refer to | 59—Turkish official | Algeria |
| 23—Roman general | 60—Unit of force | 37—Male human beings |
| 27—Country in N. A. | 61—Unit of force | 40—Ensured |
| (abbr.) | 62—Oven | 43—An awkward fellow |
| 28—Seaboard State | 70—Culinary herb | 45—Meat of the hog |
| (abbr.) | 71—Boy's name | 47—to secure |
| 29—to fondle | 72—Acquainted | 49—to question |
| 31—Prefix meaning "in" | | critically |
| 32—Post Office (abbr.) | VERTICAL | 51—to depress |
| 33—Upon | 1—Base; humble | 52—at this place |
| 34—Having the bones | 2—A liniment | 54—Niche; corner |
| removed | 3—Possessive pronoun | 55—a common carrier |
| 35—Short for Emily | 4—By or near | (abbr.) |
| 36—24 sheets of paper | 5—Luck | 56—Pronoun |
| (pl.) | 6—Children's game | 57—Armored motor car |
| 38—Persian king | 8—Sour | 60—Prefix meaning |
| 41—Telegraphic | 9—Opera by Bizet | transmission from |
| transmitter (abbr.) | 11—to cry | 61—Alongside of |
| 42—Postpone | 12—Duets | 64—a lubricant |
| 44—One, or any | 13—you and I | 67—Still |
| double | 14—Prefix meaning | 69—Negative adverb |
| "to be" | double | 70—Behold |
| 46—Part of the verb | 16—to fall in drops | |
| "to be" | 17—Burdens | |
| 48—An interrogative | | |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

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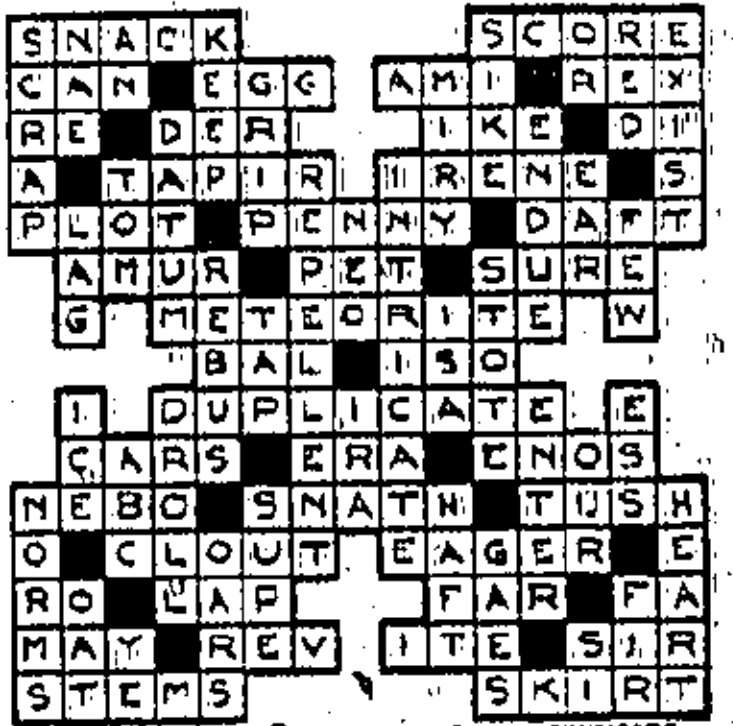
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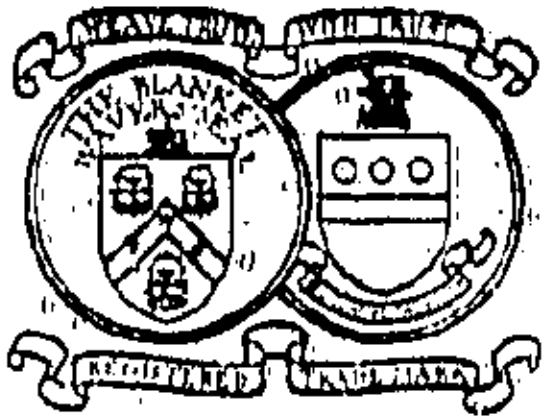
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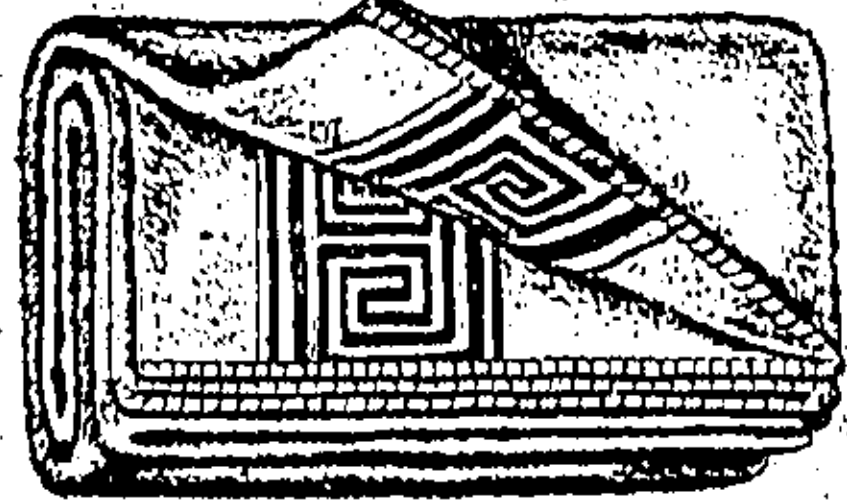


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OVERSEAS MONEY FOR PROPERTY: "NOT DEVOID OF HOPE."

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Hong Kong's trade position has improved since the "settlement of the boycott." After extensive inquiries the situation vis-a-vis Canton is summed up as "not devoid of hope."

In spite of agitation and intimidation, I can state on the best authority that at least \$3,000,000 worth of piece goods has been sent from Hong Kong to Canton since Oct. 10, when the blockade of this Colony was voluntarily called off by the Strike Committee.

Much has been said about the restrictions to trade through the boycott not having completely ended, but from investigations I have made, I have come to the conclusion that a good deal of the recent improvement in the Colony has been directly or indirectly attributable to the settlement.

In Nam Pak Hong the sugar market has had a small boom now that former outlets have been reopened. Not only are the products of the two local refineries exported from Hong Kong, but large quantities of raw sugar are transhipped here to the two Kwang provinces and other parts of China.

Effect of the Dollar.

The property market has shown signs of a new lease of life but the hope of the Rents Restriction Ordinance and other causes have also contributed.

Metals and other foreign manufactures have found their way up to Canton, Wuchow, etc., as I saw on making a trip this week at the invitation of the "China Mail."

"While some trades have been adversely affected by the slump in the dollar, others have received benefit. Gold currencies having gone up, Chinese emigrants are re-mitting more money home, mostly through exchange banks in Hong Kong. Shoppers known as "California" dealers have done more business now that intercourse has been resumed with the interior.

Good Sign of the Times.

Good trade in Malaya and other places down South has resulted in more money, earned by overseas Chinese, being sent back to Hong Kong.

This week there were several inquiries by brokers, on behalf of principals returned from Singapore, for Chinese house property situated on the central Praya.

Obviously such premises are required for business purposes—a very desirable sign of the times. Because landlords are not now encumbered by law and are at liberty to retrieve possession, there is now inducement for merchants to buy property for their own accommodation, in preference to paying higher rentals elsewhere.

Abundance of Money?

House owners have been able to increase rents, thereby enhancing the relative value. Some of those who secured mortgages during the boom have now found buyers who paid enough to let them wipe off the loans.

It is not strictly correct to say that money is plentiful. The absence of other forms of investment has deflected funds (in the hands of native bankers) to the property market.

Interest on mortgage has lowered slightly but there is no hard and fast rate. Quotations vary somewhat. Short terms and long margins command low rates. Advances are worked out in ratio to the desirability of the security so that fairly high interest will have to be offered on suburban lots.

Feeling of Restraint.

Exchange fluctuations and uncertainty as to the future have jointly mitigated against new business in the piece goods market. But when this blockade was lifted, dealers in both Canton and Hong Kong did their best to replenish the very low stocks in Canton.

Mostly in small shipments, lots have been shipped up to meet the autumn and winter requirements in Canton, but a feeling of restraint prevails.

This uneasiness is not due entirely to the threat that British goods will not be handled after Nov. 8. Having satisfied the first rush so to speak, dealers are waiting for the next development before further committing themselves. Such prudence can hardly be deplored.

Hardware and metals have also had outlets so that the market is not so stagnant as a month ago.

Merchants' Own Interests. The threat of the Transport Union in Canton to "strike" against British trade as from Monday has caused considerable alarm in both ports. Merchants are looking forward, not without confidence, to the Nationalist (or Provincial) Government to take the initiative should a deadlock ensue. The situation is not devoid of hope.

To the traders themselves, those engaged in commerce are looking for means to tide over the agitation to sever economic relations at a future date. The circular forbidding searches and/or pickets from entering shops is, an indication that the Canton merchants are alive to preserving their own interests.

NOT SCOTSMEN!

EGYPTIAN RATHER THAN BE ENGLISH.

K.O.S.E. "BOMBESHELL."

Scotsmen prefer to be Egyptians than Englishmen or Americans!

Such was the startling discovery made by a Highlander while riding on a lower level tram in Hong Kong.

There were two young men who hotly denied that they were Sassenachs or Yankees and, exasperated, pronounced themselves to be natives of Egypt. They were two privates of the 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers, the new infantry regiment on the station.

The Tramway Co. extends to men in the Services the right of paying half-fare while travelling in uniform. Men of foreign Armies and Navies are debarred. Under Suspicion.

If the two Privates concerned see this, they must excuse the conductor who, although plainly tactless and ignorant of military pageant, was merely doing his duty. Men in uniform, who were neither in the British Army or Navy, had proffered ten cents in the past and unknowingly pocketed five cents change till a European inspector happened to examine the ticket.

This conductor was trying to ascertain if the two Scottish forces, evidently viewing with suspicion the tawny treads they wore. He particularly disliked their Glengarry caps which, in his humble opinion, too "closely resembled the 'hat of disgrace' meted out to the vixen-faced, white-bearded villain of the Chinese stage type of mandarin."

The Good Samaritan. His vocabulary did not include the word British so he asked, when offered ten cents for two first-class fares:—"You English!"

"No," returned the Privates with sorrow plainly written on their young faces. In a moment of inspiration, the conductor rejoined: "You, the American?"

"No, we are Egyptian," roared one of the couple but further trouble was saved when a gentleman who was on the tram and had overheard the conversation went to the rescue.

"2 OFFICE GIRLS."

Should They Accept a Lift?

WEEKLY SHANGHAI LETTER.

Chatty Notes From Clubland: A.D.C. Notes.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Oct. 30. When a car draws up by the roadside and the "well-dressed young man" driving the car offers "two office girls" a lift, what is the correct procedure of the "two office girls" aforesaid?

This conundrum has virtually set the whole town talking. It started in this way: "Two Office Girls" wrote a letter seeking the advice of the Editor of the "North-China Daily News" upon the problem. That august personage published said letter in the correspondence columns of the "North-China Daily News" under the appropriate caption of William of Wykeham's well-known maxim, "Manners Maketh Man." The columns of "The Old Lady of the Bund" have been crowded out with letters on the subject which has also formed the chief topic of conversation in the clubs and city hostleries.

"Fast" or Prudes? Summing up the question in a leading article, the Editor of the "North-China Daily News" states that the following solutions emerge: The girls should smile sweetly and accept, but if they do they dub themselves either fast or foolish. They should turn haughtily away and refuse with disdain, but if they do they dub themselves prudish and/or early Victorians. Most people agree with Mr. O. M. Green in that we have derived no great profit from the discussion, as the correspondence has been quite rightly closed.

Rugger Visit to H.K.

Judging from the interesting annual report of the Rugby Football Club, Shanghai should put up a good showing at the next inter-match against Hong Kong. The membership increased again this year, fifty new playing members joining during the season, making a total of 193 playing and 70 non-playing members. The Club has now been enrolled as a member of the Rugby Union.

What the A.D.C. is Doing. Our local A.D.C. have just scored a great success with "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne," the Lyceum Theatre being filled upon six evenings. The next production, on November 12 and 13, is a vaudeville show named "The Coronets" and, judging from particulars which have been obtained, this promises to be a great success. Of the artistes who are appearing in this plerotic entertainment, Mr. Alex. Davies stands out prominently, whilst a number of names new to Shanghai bring rumours of great talent. Mr. G. F. Dumbarton and Mrs. Anne Cameron need no introduction to Shanghai, and neither does Mr. A. C. King, the clever but modest pianist, who has put in so much and such sterling work at previous shows of this order.

The Wanchien Fund increases daily, the balance to date being:—
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In a City of Gulls.

The local press reports that another version of the confidence trick was worked by a number of Shanghai's artful dodgers on two country bumpkins on Tuesday. At about 7 a.m. they met their victims, who had come into the Settlement with their beds upon their backs, and asked them if they would not like to join the service of the Municipal Council. The two naturally jumped at the opportunity, whereupon they were taken to the Municipal Revenue Department's main

(Continued on Page 7.)

he explained to the Scotsmen why the conductor was not prompted by mere curiosity, and they told the tramway man to go and watch the football on Saturday when the Chinese crowds will tell him all about the new regiment of Hakkas troops.

Note: A veritable slang name for Scotsmen in Hakkas used in the sense that they are not British (Chinese) or American (Chinese) but Hakkas.

ALLIES "STUNNED."

RESULT OF CAPTURE OF KIUKIANG.

ELEMENT OF SURPRISE.

[By Our Special Correspondent.]

As a feat which is almost beyond belief, the Cantonese coup in capturing Kiukiang has "stunned" the Northern Allies.

Relying almost entirely on the element of surprise, the Southerners sent their division of "Iron troops" miles and miles behind the front to bring off what Marshal Sun Chuan-fang believed the impossible.

It was not the Whampoa Cadets who brought off the coup. The hero is Major-General Chan Ming-shu, who commands a division of



Major-General Chan Ming-shu of Kongmoon, Canton's soldier of the hour.

the 4th Army and was formerly stationed at Kongmoon. His men have particularly distinguished themselves in the whole of the present campaign.

Forced Marches By Night.

While the Northerners clung to the banks of the Yangtze and progressed slowly forwards, this division of mystery men stole round their flank and reached Te-an by forced marches. Taking the route over hilly country, they took this railway town without any difficulty and shot northwards, moving nearly 40 miles in one night.

They were about 4,000 strong and soon vanquished the comparatively small garrison left behind by the Northerners.

This division is still in danger of being enveloped but the Northern cause has received such a shock that General Chan is likely to hold on.

Northerners Disheartened.

A few weeks ago, the Cantonese tried the same ruse, General Li Tsung-jen of the 7th Army reaching the heights outside Kiukiang, only to have to retire. Where his 7,000 Kwangsi-ites failed, 4,000 Cantonese have succeeded.

General Li's sortie resulted in all Northern pressure along the Yangtze being withdrawn, the troops rushing back to save their main base. Whether the Allies will get back or not is a moot point but the rank and file is bound to be disheartened to a tremendous extent.

News Confirmed.

The following cable confirms the "China Mail" report of yesterday:—

Shanghai, Nov. 5.

The Southern occupation of Kiukiang, news of which from foreign naval sources has been received, involves the most serious defeat of the Northerners since the capture of Hankow, and has forestalled the reported attempt of Wu Pei-fu and Sun Chuan-fang to join up and recapture the latter city.

It appears that a small force of Southerners cleverly moved very near to the city unnoticed by the Northerners, whom they took completely by surprise.

It is believed this will probably mean the eclipse of Sun Chuan-fang at least for the present. It is even rumoured he has fled.

British, Japanese, French, and American marines and volunteers are guarding the concessions at Kiukiang.

BOYCOTT LATEST.

Customs Out-Building Occupied.

CANTON SEARCH TROUBLE.

Rowy Union Men to Force a Crisis?

There is no material change to report in the post-boycott position. Until the ships actually arrive in Canton on Monday there is no indication that British cargo and/or British ships will not be worked as from that date.

News from up-river is that the Surtax authorities are determined to collect and that some out-buildings of the Maritime Customs at Samshui have been occupied by the Chinese.

The Wah Keung Union of shop foks in Canton, seems to be forcing a crisis in respect of their insistence to search their employers' premises for stocks of British merchandise.

At the request of the merchants, the Severance Committee has forbidden the Union to act without authority but the rowdy elements are persistent in their demands.

TAX INCIDENT.

Customs Out-Buildings Used by Canton.

The experiences of a passenger who returned to the Colony from Wuchow by the s.s. "Tai Ming," one of the first vessels to make the trip since Nov. 1—the day the much discussed new taxes were announced to come into force—throw some light upon the actual situation on the West River.

The "China Mail" is informed that the "Tai Ming" left Hong Kong on the afternoon of Nov. 1, being escorted, as usual, from Wangmoon to the Cliff.

Upon arrival at Samshui on the following morning, they found a Nationalist two-funnel gunboat at anchor opposite the Customs Buildings, H.M.S. "Moorhen" lying at anchor nearby.

Gunboat Fires at Launch.

The Chinese gunboat had one buoy, apparently made of a kerosene tin, painted red and surmounted by a red flag, moored about 120 ft. ahead of her, another the same distance astern, with two others, one on either side, approximately 75 feet from the gunboat.

A Nationalist armed launch, which was escorting a passenger motor-boat was fired upon by the gunboat for passing too close to the outer buoy.

Just before the voyage was continued, the Customs received orders, apparently from Headquarters at Peking, not to allow the new dues collectors to interfere with the rightful Customs officials and masters of British vessels received instructions from the Naval authority not to allow any of the Nationalist officials to board their ships.

On the return trip, two and a half days later, it was found that Nationalist officials had commandeered some out-buildings belonging to the Customs. The latter had communicated with Peking and received instructions to throw out the intruders—instructions which were promptly carried out. The arrival of H.M.S. "Robin" apparently had some effect upon the Nationalist officials, for, beyond a display of flags, nothing has been done.

CONSULS' REPLY.

No Impediment To Ships by Searchers.

The British and other Consuls at Canton are reported to have replied to Mr. Eugene Chen's note "explaining" the functions of the Nationalist inspection corps. Says the "Canton Gazette":—

"In reply to the note of Mr. Eugene Chen, Minister for Foreign Affairs, to the foreign Consuls explaining the necessity for the examination of the goods of passengers on outgoing and incoming trains and steamers, the British, Japanese, German, Italian, American, French and Russian Consuls have sent at the following the examination forms and terms that this search has to involve the passage of goods on the West River between Canton and Shanghai."

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MANTUA	7,002	13th Nov.	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	25th Nov.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KARMALA	9,128	27th Nov.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	8,007	9th Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MACEDONIA	11,089	11th Dec.	Marseilles and London
NELLORE	8,853	23rd Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KHIVA	9,135	25th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MUHAMMAD	9,715	3rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	8th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London
KALYAN	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DEVANHA	8,155	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MOREA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London
DELTA	8,007	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHMIR	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March	Marseilles and London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	18th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
DELTA	8,007	28th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marseilles and London
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &
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TALAMBA	8,018	14th Nov.	Kobe
KHIVA	9,135	22nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,089	25th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	7th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
MALWA	10,941	10th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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Tokyo, October 24.—Of interest to all the shipping world comes the announcement from J. P. Forde, district engineer of the Department of Public Works of Canada, with headquarters in the Post-office Building, Victoria, British Columbia, that the new Esquimalt graving drydock at Esquimalt, three miles from Victoria, is now open and available for commercial service to all vessels.

This gives Esquimalt two dry-docks. Canadian Government. The dock is a big step in advance for the Canadian Government. The dock is the largest of its kind in all the British Empire and the second largest dock in the world, being practically the same in size as the famous Commonwealth dock at Boston.

The dock was designed and constructed by the Public Works Department of Canada, K. M. Cameron, M.S.C., M.E.I.C., chief engineer for the department, and J. P. Forde, M.E.I.C., district engineer in charge of the work.

The total cost of the development was approximately \$5,000,000. The dock is 1,150 feet long with a clear width at the entrance over the sill of 126 feet; the width at the top of the dock at the coping level is 149 feet; the depth of the water on the sill at high tide is 40 feet. The area at the bottom of the dock is 142,800 square feet; and when the dock is filled it contains 43,000,000 Imperial gallons; and with the electrically driven pumps the dock can be emptied in three hours and 20 minutes.

Can Take Largest.

The dock was designed and is able to accommodate the largest commercial or naval vessel afloat, the design being such that caissons can close the dock into sections, one 400 feet and one 750 feet long, to accommodate vessels of varying dimensions; or the full basin of 1,150 feet is available.

All equipment around the dock is of the latest and most modern types developed by the engineering profession, all being electrically operated. The dock is equipped with Bollards of the latest design, amply spaced around the dock, and there are nine capstans spaced at different intervals. Eight of these capstans are electrically operated, giving a line pull of 25,000 pounds each at a speed of 12 feet per minute. The large capstan at the head of the dock gives a line pull of 65,000 pounds at a speed of 12 feet per minute.

Machine shops and modern repair facilities are provided on the property, as this dock will be the Pacific naval base for the Royal Navy.

Land-Locked Harbour.

Esquimalt harbour is a land-locked harbour, with good deep water, having an area of approximately two square miles and possessing exceptionally good holding ground. Adjacent to the dry dock is the ship's repair plant of Yarrow Limited, who are equipped to do repairs on any and all classes of vessels.

Opposite the new dry dock is the old dry dock, possibly more familiar to the shipping world. This was originally constructed in 1887 by the joint efforts of Great Britain, Canada and the Province of British Columbia. This dock is in excellent condition for serving the commercial world to-day. It is 450 feet long, 65 feet wide and has a depth of 29 feet of water on the sill at high tide.

Under world wide competition the contract for the electrically operated, travelling, revolving boom hammerhead crane for the new dry dock has been awarded to the Colby Crane and Engineering Ltd., of Vancouver, which is associated with the Colby Steel and Engineering Company of Seattle.

The crane will have a clear height over the coping wall of 50 feet and a reach of hook over the dock of 99 feet and 2 inches. This carries the 25-ton hoisting hook 5 feet beyond the centre line of the dock. An auxiliary hoisting unit is provided on the crane having a 5-ton capacity. The 5-ton auxiliary hoist will reach 9 feet from the centre line of the dry dock. This gives the crane ample power and facility to work over the centre of the largest ship which might occupy the full width of the dock.

This crane will travel on a track approximately 1,300 feet long, as it will be equipped with electric travelling swivel trucks and will serve both sides of the 1,150-foot dry dock, passing around the head end of the dry dock and the track will be extended on to the landing service wharf a distance of 150 feet. All operations of the crane are controlled by one man, located in the operator's cab in the crane structure, where he can clearly see all the work and the surrounding territory, being able to travel the crane along the track, hoist or lower his load, or move same in or out on the boom, while retarding the boom structure, doing any or all of these operations as the work may require.

Accommodations Provided.

Railroad connections and railroad facilities are provided on the dock, and a railroad track will pass under the portal of the crane to expedite movement of machinery or other commodities to or from cars or boats held at the dock or along the landing wharf.

This is the second crane that this company has furnished the Canadian Government for dry-dock work. Some five years ago they furnished the crane now operating at the old Esquimalt dry-dock. This crane has a capacity of 7 1/2 tons at 75 foot radius. A photograph of this old crane accompanies this article, and when the new equipment is installed and turned over to the department, photographs and a description of this piece of machinery which was developed by the Colby company will be published.

An unusual sense of vigour and an appreciation of the developments which have taken place in dry-dock accommodation during a century and three quarters may be gained from a perusal of the following minutes of the Glasgow Town Council in August, 1758, relating to the installation of a dry-dock at Port Glasgow. The dock was designed by James Watt and is said to have been capable of accommodating simultaneously two vessels of 500 tons burthen each. It was kept dry by means of a pump worked by a horse.

"At a meeting" with Mr. Webb on affairs of the dry-dock—present, the Provost, Bailie Speirs, Provost Cochran and Mr. Gold Dunlop, it was concerted that Mr. John Webb, ship carpenter in Irvine, should go to Liverpool and inform himself about the dry-dock there and the dues payable by the shipping, from thence to go to Wales and purchase a cargo of about a hundred tons of oak timber for the use of the

dry-dock new building at Port Glasgow, and to cause ship the same for Port Glasgow. Mr. Webb to be paid the cost, charges and freight of the oak timber, and to be allowed for his experience and trouble in this affair thirty pounds sterling. Mr. Webb to be agreed with to take the charge of the dry-dock at Port Glasgow for seven years from the time of its being fit to receive shipping, he being obliged to keep men to open the gates and attend the shipping when in the dock, to levy the dues and account for same, and to be allowed thirty-five pounds yearly for his expense and trouble. Mr. Webb refers to the Magistrates what gratuity he is to have for directing and overseeing the building of the proposed dry-dock; but the Council agrees with this addition that Mr. Webb be obliged to enter into contract with surety for attendance on the docks and accounting to the Magistrates and Council for the produce or dues of the docks, in such manner as they shall think fit to direct.

From May 15 to November 11, 1761, the Town Council paid John Webb \$105 on account of the dry-dock. In October he put in a claim for 100 guineas on account of the "trouble and expense" he had been put to, and this sum was awarded him.

How delighted James Watt would be to see that quiet efficient power known in his day only as a laboratory agent now acting as the motivating energy by which the great ships were being warped into this basin and the water being pumped out, and how his stout old head would swell with pride to hear that this energy was being measured in units known the world around as "Watts."

The electrical equipment on this Dominion of Canada Esquimalt graving dock is said to be the last word in dry-dock control and pumping efficiency. The installation of the electrically driven mechanisms was supervised by Allan Craig, chief electrical engineer in charge of electrical work at the Dominion of Canada dry-docks, Esquimalt, for the Department of Public Works of Canada. In a future issue of "Pacific Marine Review" we hope to show in more detail the electrical and mechanical features of the pumping plant and the caissons connected with this wonderful graving dock.

N.Y.K. RESUMPTION OF NORMAL SERVICE.

The quarantine regulations imposed by the Japanese Government against Shanghai on account of the cholera outbreak during the summer months have been withdrawn. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha announce that they are now in position to carry passengers to Japan ports on their Trans-Pacific liners. This practice was stopped during the enforcement of the quarantine regulation, on account of the risk of having the steamers quarantined to the great inconvenience of through passengers to America and Europe.

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The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Manila yesterday at 8 a.m., leaves Manila to-day at 4 p.m. and is due at Hong Kong on Monday at a.m.

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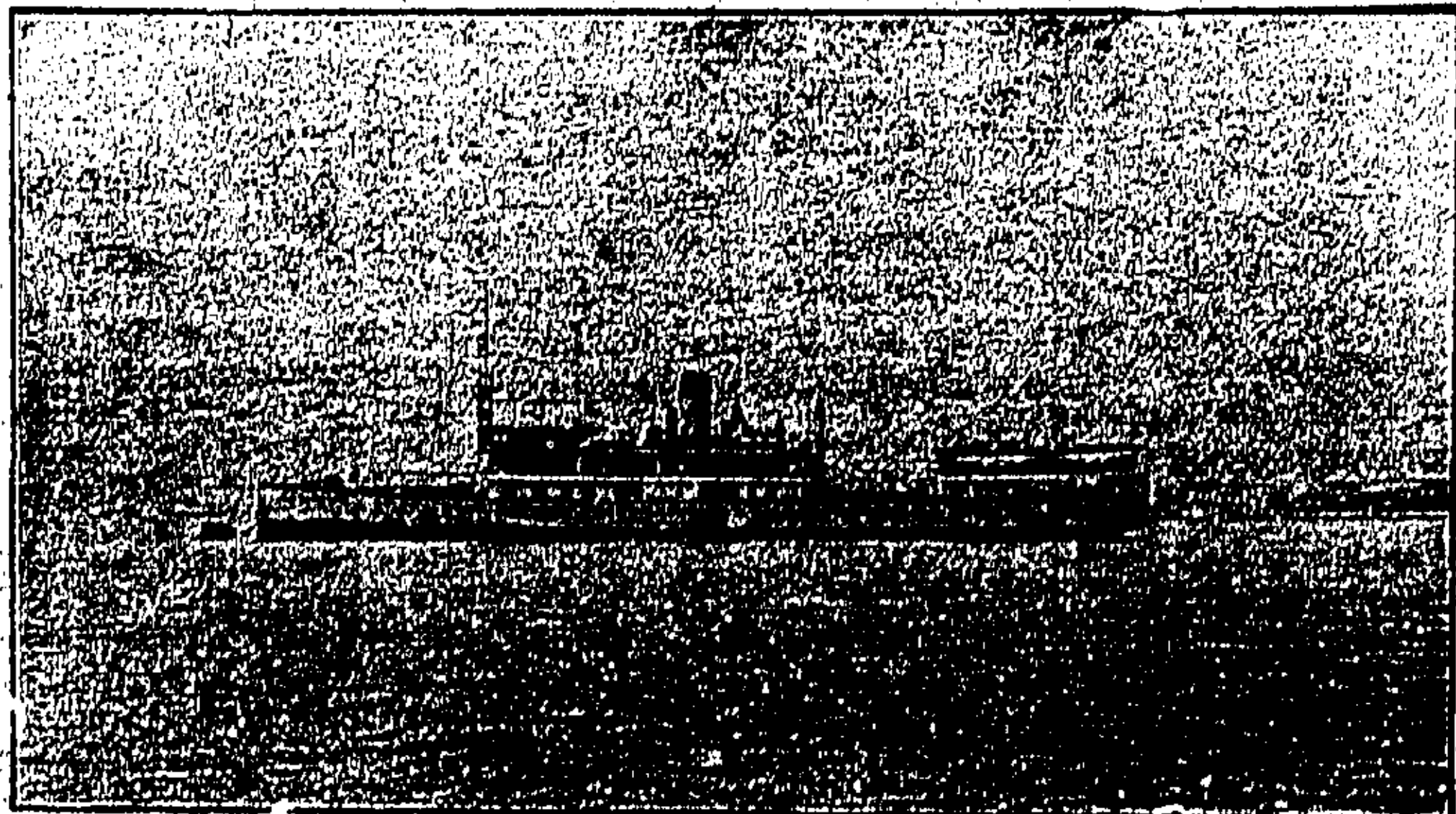
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

The bi-annual race for the "Trevesa" trophy has not failed since its inception to attract many residents to witness what is not merely a test of endurance between Asiatic crews and of seamanship on the part of their officers but an institution to bring home to ships' crews and the public generally the need for providing against contingencies and to keep green the memory of the historic feat of those who manned the life-boats of the ill-fated "Trevesa." As keenly contested as ever, the race this week constituted an even severer test in that the absence of wind necessitated the use of oars the whole way. It was fitting that victory should have fallen to the Dutch line which has been one of the keenest contestants for honours, thus enabling them to draw level with the record of the Douglas boats which have figured in the event with no less conspicuous success on previous occasions.

The question of the Island's water supply figured prominently in the discussion at the Budget debate, and in spite of official assurance that the limitations of island water resources are realised, it seems that we are to be denied access to the only source which can permanently solve a problem which will always be acute in years of low rainfall. Although the last few years have been well up to normal as regards rainfall and at the present moment, with one of well over 90 inches, we have every reason to feel temporarily secure, it must be remembered that in years past it has fallen to little over 40 inches—and may at any time reach as low a figure. Any policy which ignores the possibility of a recurrence of such "lean" years is a short-sighted and foolish one and whilst the construction of a new reservoir on the island will enable reserve stocks to be considerably supplemented in times of heavy rains it will contribute little to the solution of the problem of assuring

ing how to avoid restrictions during prolonged "dry" periods.

It was with the knowledge that the island resources had been developed almost to the limit of capacity that the decision was arrived at to tap the resources of the perennial spring at Shing Mun for the purpose of supplying Hong Kong as well as Kowloon. With pipes laid across the harbour for the conduct of such filtered water to a service bed near the Botanical Gardens, Hong Kong could afford to smile at the rainfall figures, however meagre. But it cannot afford to so long as the Government refuses to proceed with the scheme. One of the reasons for His Excellency's disinclination to proceed with the scheme was, he stated in Council, the probability of the needs of Kowloon growing beyond the present supply capacity by reason of increasing population; but among "other cogent reasons" which he declined to go into, was doubtless that which it is generally understood constitutes the main issue on which the decision was arrived at—that the ground in question is in leased territory and that it is as well, therefore, that as little as possible expense be incurred in connection with the scheme. Even, however, assuming that the land will only be leased for the remaining 74 years, there is no reason why, put on a proper working basis, works for supplying the island with water from the mainland should not have paid for themselves during that period. It is to be hoped that the last word has not been said on this matter.

Another attempt on the life of Italy's "strong man" focussed the public eye even more intently on one whose personality and policy have made him one of the greatest figures in post-war Europe. The son of a Socialist blacksmith, a political exile associating with Russian terrorists in Geneva, earning a pittance by hard manual labour, often starving, many times imprisoned, this "revolutionary fire brand" has developed into the acknowledged "saviour" of Italy. Whilst any attempt to acclimatise on English soil the principles of Fascism would probably be as futile as it would be ridiculous, the English peoples join in congratulating on his escape from the hand of the would-be assassin, one who, whether or not he may owe his present pre-eminent position to taking the tide of reaction on the flood and floating to power upon it, has, at any rate, given a new birth of hopeful enthusiasm to forty millions of war-weary people and convinced them that discipline, sacrifice and hard work are the very springs of real existence.

The cricket match between the R. A. O. C. and H. M. S. "Pamir" reported yesterday was a league fixture and not a friendly match.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SHALL WE PRAY OR SHALL WE PLAY?

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—I have read with considerable interest the numerous letters that have appeared in your esteemed paper during the past week. It is difficult to understand the psychology of a mind such as that of your correspondent "E. Human." I agree that life is one battle against "getting the dumps" but is it inhuman to consecrate but one day in the year to the memory of those gallant lads who died that the world might have peace? I think that "Ionides" struck the right note in his original letter when he said that it was only right that, like Good Friday and Easter Day, we should have a fitting interval between the Day of Sorrow and the Day of Joy.

Yours, etc.,
ONE WHO CANNOT FORGET.
Hong Kong, Nov. 5, 1926.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Like your correspondent "E. Human," I do not know whether "Monitor" is a mournful young person or a person who does not know human nature and the way to lead it. I notice that "Monitor" has not accepted the challenge to draft a time-table for the observance of Armistice Day. Perhaps he finds the task beyond him? For my part, I shall buy a poppy, observe with "countless millions" the two minutes' silence in memory of those who fell and then, for no reason other than that I think it the proper thing to do, I shall join with my friends in celebrating the eighth anniversary of the greatest victory in the annals of the British Naval and Military Forces.

Yours, etc.,
ROBIN HOOD.
Hong Kong, Nov. 6, 1926.

CIVIC APATHY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—This is not the first time that I have taken the liberty of addressing you and of complimenting you upon your outspoken attitude towards the manner in which this Colony is to use a colloquialism "run." I hope it will not be the last.

Your leading article in yesterday's paper was most refreshing, and I hope that it will have been read by all sober-minded people whose lot it is to sojourn in this outpost of Empire and who have to submit to the present method of administration.

You strike the nail right on the head when you say that there can be no genuine test of civic apathy or of the civic spirit here under existing conditions. As you quite rightly point out, there is much work that could best be tackled by a Municipal Council with a Municipal staff and, again, I am with you through and through, with few exceptions. Civil Servants rarely make ideal Municipal officers. Let the Government perform the functions of a Government and leave the control of the Municipality to a Municipal Body duly elected by the people. The present method is a sheer farce. This morning's papers clearly indicate this, for, here we have the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council, who, to some extent at any rate, may be said to represent public opinion in the Colony, unanimously condemning schemes which, owing to the present method of administration, nothing will prevent the Government from carrying out.

Much may be written upon the subject of civic apathy, but the present system in this Colony undoubtedly encourages it. As a matter of fact it is somewhat remarkable that such eminent members of the community should be so public spirited as to be willing to waste valuable time in publicly condemning projects knowing, as they do, that their efforts will be fruitless.

If an elected Municipal Council can control and most efficiently control, a city such as Shanghai, with its heterogeneous population, to say nothing of the all-important question of its defence against periodical invasions of refugees from war zones and the problems of dealing, not infrequently, with thousands of leaderless troops left by absconding warlords, surely one would succeed here? Cannot representations be made to the authorities at home for a thorough overhaul of our entire system? What say the Committee of the Constitutional Reform Association?

Miramur ex intervallo fallentia: haud insula ac non incauta futuri, which, in English, is "We admire at a distance the things that deceive us; let us not be too ignorant nor incautious in regard to the future."

Yours, etc.,
IONIDES.
Hong Kong, Nov. 5, 1926.

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S WILL GO DOWN!

PREDICTION BY CANTON AUTHORITY.

"CHINA MUST SAVE."

As a sequel to the silver slump, the "Canton Gazette," in an editorial, exhorts Chinese to unite to create a new unified monetary system for the "whole" of China, "with a governing centre strong enough to regulate the exchange rates and to struggle against banks," the chief agents of imperialism.

It is a long time since the "Canton Gazette" has published a leading article. The one in question has several interesting points, as follows:—

"The situation is anything but favourable to this country. We cannot begin selling silver in considerable quantities, because such a policy can only accelerate the fall in prices. And if we leave in our possession the stock of the white metal we now have, the losses would only be distributed through a certain period."

"But in spite of possible fluctuations in both directions, fundamentally silver prices will move downwards, not upwards."

"China must save the position for the silver-producing countries—chiefly for America with her 80% of the world's production."

Opportunity for Export.

After referring to the heavy loss to China "from the national point of view," the situation is summed up thus:—

"The price of the white metal on the London silver market, which reflects precisely the whole situation, dropped during last month from 30.81 pence per standard ounce to 24.25, i.e., a decline in price already reaching 20%. Many Chinese enterprises in the big trade centres cannot restore even their former stocks of goods because foreign wares are becoming more and more expensive."

The level of prices in China rises much more slowly than the exchange rate in gold currencies. As the index numbers of wholesale prices in Shanghai show, the increase for a year is only equal to 2.606 "index" being 1902 for September 1925 and 1942 for September 1926. The special export index reflects the same tendency of a very slow upward movement: 149.2 in September 1925 and 153.2 in September 1926.

"Of course, this rise of foreign currencies when export prices remain almost steady gives Chinese merchants an opportunity to strengthen their position in the world market and to widen export. But in reality they receive ever diminishing quantities of goods as equivalent of their exports."

That the Hong Kong Government can fix the dollar's rate is described as a suggestion of Hong Kong residents who "in their imagination think that the forces of economic laws can be stopped."

MACAO'S FRONTIER.

With regard to the Macao-Chinese boundary, the 39th Cantonese Regiment (stationed on the Chinese border) has requested by cable that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs protest to the Portuguese authorities against alleged encroachment outside the Barrier, states the "Canton Gazette."

THE BISHOP OF LONDON'S VISIT.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")
Sir,—Most people who have, from time to time, had the privilege of hearing the Bishop of London either preach in a church or address a public meeting, will very cordially welcome the news that His Lordship is to visit Hong Kong.

I notice that arrangements have already been made for Dr. Ingram to preach at the Cathedral and at St. Andrew's Church and record congregations may be anticipated in both places of worship.

Would it not be possible, Sir, for arrangements to be made for our distinguished visitor, to address a public meeting at, say, the Theatre Royal? There must be many like myself, who, not being regular church-goers, would very much like to have an opportunity of hearing His Lordship without participating in a service in which we are, to be quite frank, not interested. One recalls very vividly the great speeches made by Dr. Ingram in his own diocese, especially during the early days of the War, and one can say without hesitation that one of His Lordship's "Wake Up Manhood" speeches would do a good deal of good in a place like this.

Yours, etc.,
G. A.
Hong Kong, Nov. 6, 1926.

TREATY SURPRISE.

PEKING GOVT. DISPOSED TO REASON.

LETTER FROM CAPITAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Peking, Oct. 29.

To-day the question of expiring Treaties occupies most of the attention of official Peking, and also the attention of the more vocal students and radicals.

Contrary to the fears of the Legation Quarter, the present Government is showing itself as disposed to be reasonable, at least where Belgium is concerned, and instead of demanding the immediate cancellation of the treaty (which expired yesterday) will consent to a *modus vivendi* while a new treaty is being recognised.

Thus Belgian business in China will not at once be thrown into chaos, nor will the extraterritorial rights of Belgians be lost to them without due warning.

Upon two things China will insist, however. The first is that a definite date be set for expiration of the *modus vivendi*, with the understanding that if a new treaty has not been negotiated and ratified by that time, that all agreements shall lapse.

What About Japan?

The second is that the new treaty must contain no "unequal" clauses nor articles.

This means the doing away with all extraterritorial rights, and the prospect has not only appalled the Belgians, but has given cause for serious thought to all other foreigners here, for the longest-lived of the other treaties has not many more years to run.

Another question being asked, but which gets no answer, is if China has taken the same attitude toward Japan, for the Japanese treaty too, expired this month.

Marshal Chang Tso-lin's control over affairs in Peking becomes more complete every day, and the Fengtien Party is certainly trying to make Peking more likeable.

A Life for a Free Show!

For a time the soldiers were out of hand and thought they owned the city. Now discipline is very rigid.

Until Oct. 27, soldiers walked into any Chinese theatre "on the nod" as they rode on the trams without paying. Then came an order stopping this genial practice. Two soldiers forced their way into a theatre just outside Chienmen gate and when they were remonstrated with, one of them shot at the electric light globes in the lobby.

The next morning both soldiers were decapitated in the street before the theatre building and to-day their heads adorn either side of the doorway. A warning has been issued that this same fate will meet all other soldiers who try to bully the people, theatres, merchants or trams. At last there is room for civilians on the trams—and the unpaid soldiers' walk.

Mrs. Koo Goes to Paris.

Mrs. Wellington Koo, wife of the Acting Premier, left Peking this morning by special train for Paris. Her trip is said to have no political significance, but to be due to the illness of her mother who is now in the French capital.

Is Chang Tso-lin surely coming south of the Great Wall? The railway station at Tientsin has been decorated to welcome him, great arches have been erected at cross streets, and his special train has been waiting on the sidetracks at Mukden for days.

Political gossip has it that he will even come to Peking, which will be considered equivalent to declaring himself Chief Executive or Regent until a president is chosen. The present Cabinet is entirely his creation, and Wu Peifu's influence has been eliminated, as has most of the influence of the Tupan of Shantung.

BANK NOTES.

Returns of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hong Kong during the month ended October 31, 1926, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$15,410,101	5,300,000*
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$46,861,806	36,000,000†
Bank of India, Ltd.	\$1,614,181	550,000‡
Total	\$63,886,088	41,850,000
* In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$1,250,000.		
† In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at \$3,108,097.		
‡ In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$130,000.		

BISHOP OF LONDON.

Forthcoming Visit to Hong Kong.

THEATRE ROYAL MEETING?

Incidents in a Distinguished Career.

The first announcement that the Bishop of London was to visit the Far East came somewhat as a surprise inasmuch as it is somewhat unusual for the Bishop of



such an important diocese as that of London to be absent for such a lengthy period. It was, however, not surprising that Dr. Ingram, finding that the conclusion of a long-promised visit to the Dominion of Canada and which would end amidst on the shores of the Pacific, would almost synchronise with the consecration of the new Cathedral at Seoul, should decide forthwith to return home via the Far East, India and Suez.

Public Meeting Suggestion.

Reader's first telegram announcing the Bishop's programme did not state definitely whether or not Hong Kong was to be honoured by a visit from this most distinguished prelate, but as soon as it became known that His Lordship hoped to be in the Colony during the last week of December, the Cathedral authorities lost no time in extending a cordial invitation to the Bishop to occupy the Cathedral pulpit on Christmas morning.

As things have turned out, it is anticipated that Dr. Ingram will be in the Colony for at least a week and, according to present plans, His Lordship will also preach at St. Andrew's, Kowloon, on the Sunday after Christmas. A suggestion made by a correspondent that Dr. Ingram should be invited to address a public meeting in the Theatre Royal will no doubt meet with support from many quarters.

Surprised His Flock.

The Bishop of London has closely identified himself with the building of the magnificent cathedral church now in course of erection at Seoul. His Lordship has been Chairman of the London Council of the Korean Mission for many years.

It will be recalled that when Dr. Mark Trollope, the present Bishop in Korea made his eloquent appeal at the Anglo-Catholic Congress in London four years ago, it was the Bishop of London who, perhaps to the consternation of some of his flock, presided over the meeting and gave his episcopal benediction to Dr. Trollope's appeal for funds for the erection of a cathedral in the capital city of his diocese.

It is recorded that men and women present at that meeting were so stirred by Dr. Trollope's eloquence that they then and there handed in articles of jewellery of every description which was subsequently sold by auction and the proceeds devoted to the Seoul Cathedral Building Fund.

Broad Views and Sympathies.
The Bishop of London and Korea were at Oxford together; Dr. Ingram being at Keble College and Dr. Trollope at New.

A friendship formed in college days continued in after life and it was not unnatural that Dr. Trollope, when called from the living of St. Alban the Martyr, Birmingham, to become bishop of the large and growing diocese of Korea, should appeal to his old friend for his support.

Dr. Ingram, whilst Head of Oxford House, Bethnal Green, used to speak every Sunday afternoon in Victoria Park and, prior to his elevation to the episcopate as Bishop of Stepney, did a great deal of work among the poor of East London. A man of broad views and generous sympathies, he had a most enthusiastic reception when he visited Canada in

WHAT IS AN OATH?

WITNESS'S DIFFICULTY AT INQUIRY.

MOTOR ACCIDENT SEQUEL.

Stating that she neither understood the nature of an oath or the difference between the truth and a lie, a Chinese girl (aged 17) witness at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday created somewhat of a sensation but after answering questions by Mr. Nihil, the Magistrate, as to her appreciation of what was the truth, it was decided to proceed with her evidence and place on record that it was given without witness having been sworn.

The case was one in which the circumstances are being inquired into of the death of a Chinese woman knocked down by a lorry in Nathan Road shortly after the lorry had turned in from Saigon Street.

Evidence was given that the lorry was first traveling at a speed of 15 miles an hour but that speed was reduced by half as it took the corner. The driver said he took the corner in third gear and was travelling at the time of the accident at from four to five miles an hour. He did not know the woman had been struck until some coolies shouted and on turning he saw the woman by the side of the road.

A charge of manslaughter pending against the driver was withdrawn by the Police on the jury returning a verdict of death by misadventure and exonerating the driver from blame.

A very enjoyable dance was held in Messrs. Ence, Crawford's restaurant last night by the Kowloon Cricket Club. Music was provided by the Lyric Orchestra.

COMPANY MEETING.

SANDAKAN LIGHT AND POWER.

INCREASED PROFIT.

Presiding at the 4th annual meeting of the Sandakan Light and Power Co., Ltd. (held this morning at St. George's Building), Mr. R. G. Sheehan made the following speech:—

Gentlemen.—The report and accounts for the year which ended on June 30, 1926, have been in your hands for the required period, and I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The profit for the year on working account, after deducting General managers' commission, is \$22,457.86, which compares favourably with last year's returns which were for fourteen months, the average monthly profit being \$1,871 as against \$1,666 last year; and this in spite of the fact that we have in the present working account allowed for depreciation on stores to the extent of \$3,037.84, whereas nothing was written off in last year's working account. As regards this year, I am glad to say that the prospects of a still larger improvement in earnings are very good.

Large Sums Written Off.

Depreciation has been dealt with drastically in these accounts, and with regard to the Auditors' remark, "I can only say that, as there seems to be some difference on the point as to whether depreciation on such assets as plant, buildings, mains and cables, etc., should be charged to working account or to profit and loss, we have followed our usual and I think the more ordinary, practice of debiting it to profit and loss."

"2 OFFICE GIRLS."

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entrance where the cunning ones told them that they must wait a moment. The rogues then took charge of their victims' blankets, etc., and said they were going to make arrangements inside. The countrymen waited, and probably would have been waiting still had a kindly policeman not taken pity upon them and explained how they had been "had."

U.S. Interest in Britain.

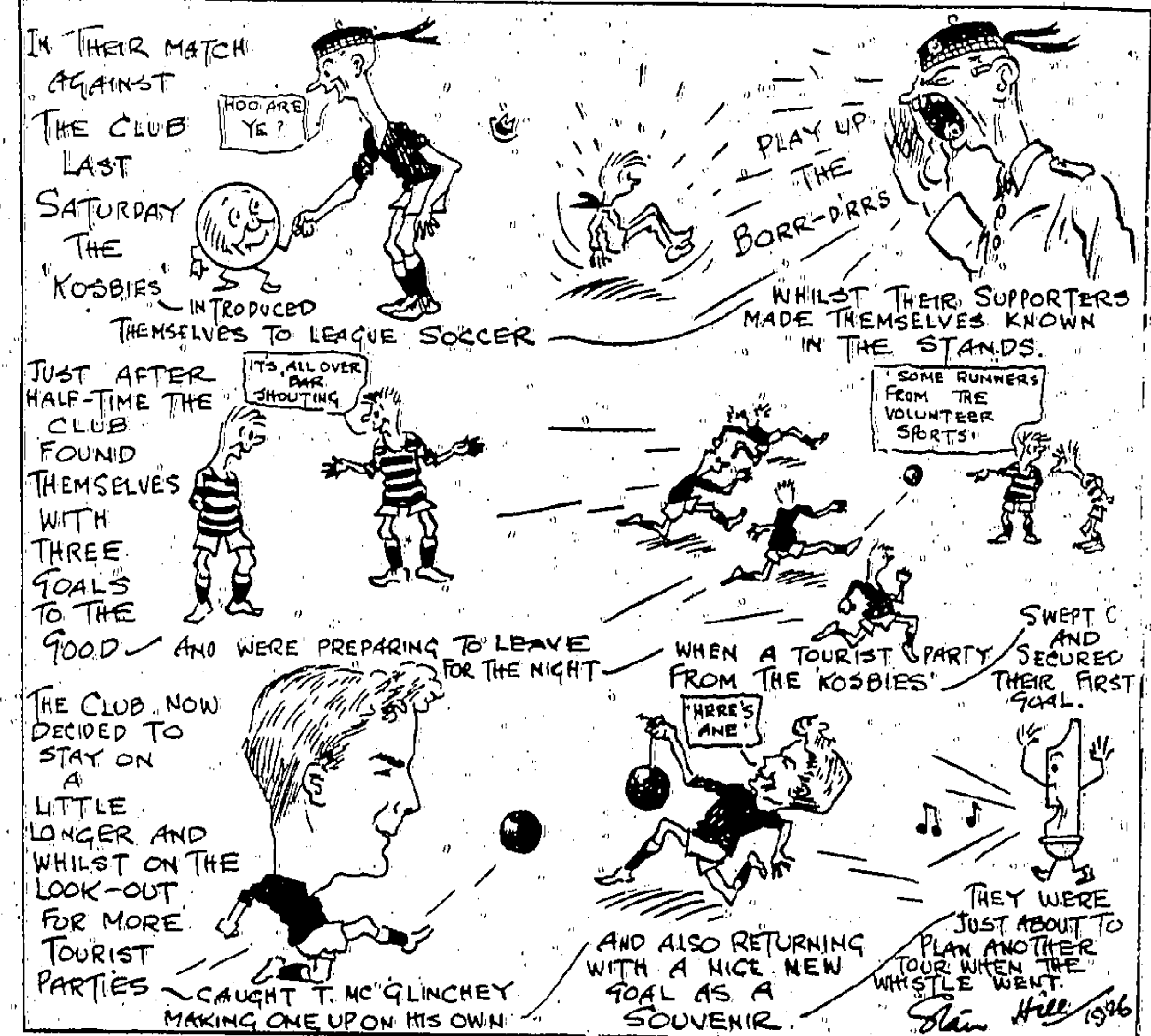
American editors appear to have been showing something more than an academic interest in Chinese affairs during recent weeks, and local residents are, not a little amused at some of the nonsense that reaches the Club reading room. It may be regarded as strange that it has fallen to the lot of the United States press to enlighten Shanghai on the fact that "for the past five years Great Britain has been sponsoring to the utmost the efforts of General Wu Peifu towards the military unification of China." Wu, of course, has remained silent, but if the Chinese troops who fired on the British gunboats did so with the knowledge or approval of "Marsh" Wu—he is usually given this name in Shanghai—it would appear as though the latter had turned against his former foreign ally.

As it is, the "North-China Daily News" has been lauding to the utmost the efforts of the Cantonese generalissimo.

Hotch-Potch of Nonsense.

It is, however, gratifying to note that the New York "Herald Tribune" states that "Great Britain's attitude in the Yangtze crisis is being watched with keenest interest by every foreign Power signatory to the Boxer Protocol."

KOSBIES' DEBUT IN LOCAL SOCCER LEAGUE.



How the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers Regt. made their debut in the local soccer league last Saturday—as viewed by the cartoonist. Their opponents, the Hong Kong F.C. led by 3-nill but the "Kosbies" rallied splendidly towards the end and scored twice to lose, by the barest margin of one goal.

1910 and at the Western front at Easter 1915, when he addressed thousands of troops.

Unconventional Prelate.

So few Bishops nowadays hold one see for a quarter of a century that this year's celebrations of the Bishop of London's half-jubilee have unusual interest. As already stated, he was Suffragan-Bishop of Stepney before he succeeded Dr. Crichton as Bishop of London, and episcopacy may be said to be in his blood, for his grandfather, Dr. Pepys, was Bishop of Worcester. His Lordship has always been an exceedingly popular personage with the laity, and his direct and simple style of preaching with its unconventional turns of phrase crowds every church to which he goes.

Perhaps Dr. Ingram has incurred disapproval in some quarters, both lay and clerical, on account of what is described as the laxity of discipline in his diocese, whereby nearly every incumbent does exactly as he pleases in the matter of ritual. At the same time, there is something to be said for the view that it is undesirable to interfere with a man who is doing good work, even when he stands on his head to do it.

Mr. William Lodge Alexander, C.A., has been appointed an auditor for the purposes of the Companies Ordinances.

Besides writing the sum of \$7,109.52 off value of concession, we have wiped out the whole of the underwriting commission paid last year, viz., \$23,806, and the balance of preliminary expenses, \$2,276.57, and this, with the Auditors' and Consulting Committee's fees, has turned the profit on working account into a loss of \$28,727.52 for the year, which is transferred to the balance sheet.

Confidence in Future.

This brings the total amount at debit of profit and loss account to \$69,276.13, but as we have written off some of the largest items completely, we shall not have to face them again next year, when we hope that profits on the other hand will make a better showing.

As I said last year, new customers come slowly; but they do come, and although our sales of lighting units show but a very tiny increase, our sales of power units have risen by about 25 per cent. The timber trade with Hong Kong fell off during the year owing to the boycott at Canton, and this in turn, no doubt, had its effect on our business; but on the other hand, a large acreage of land is being prepared for rubber cultivation, which, we hope, will be reflected in an increase demand for electric power as these plantations come into production. Our manager at Sandakan reports that the Government there have made some change in their plans regarding the water works scheme, but that it is now

Most people in the Club are glad to note that at least one American journal is prepared to admit that upon the retention of British prestige rests not only the future of British commerce, but "the safety of all her subjects and, more important still, the safety of all foreigners residing within the Great Wall of China." Compared with the hotch-potch of nonsense published in other journals, this is most refreshing.

finally decided to proceed with the new scheme.

Highest Efficiency.

We still have faith in the future of North Borneo, and of Sandakan in particular, and with an improvement of the timber trade with Hong Kong and the advent of further rubber plantations, an all-round increase in trade must make itself felt before long.

I may add, as regards the plant and machinery, that all have been kept up in the highest state of efficiency, and that we now have an installation capable of supplying at least double the present output of current.

I now beg to propose that the report and accounts for the year ended June 30, 1926, be adopted and passed, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders.

GOVERNOR AS GUEST.

ENTERTAINED YESTERDAY AT LEE GARDEN.

Over 500 guests, representative of the Chinese and foreign communities, gathered yesterday afternoon at Lee Garden, East Point, the popular Chinese amusement centre, as the guests of Sir Shou-son and Lady Chow and the Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Kotewall, the two Chinese members of the Legislative Council.

His Excellency Sir Cecil and Lady Clementi were among those present, also members of the Council, heads of departments and prominent business men.

Dr. Kotewall met the guests at the outer entrance and Sir Shou-son Chow received them at the pavilion, the party afterwards being entertained to a clever exhibition of acrobatics and sleight of hand. Refreshments were provided and a pleasant afternoon spent in and about the attractively furnished pavilion, as well as examining the quaint rockeries, toy grates, and bridges.

The Attendance.—The 52nd Punjab Band was in attendance.

Amongst those present in addition to those previously mentioned were Admiral Sir Edwin Alexander Sinclair, K.C.B., M.V.O., Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., Mrs. Stirling and Miss Stirling, and a large number of the Commanders and Officers of the various Naval boats in the harbour; Colonel Russell Brown (Acting G.O.C.) and Mrs. Russell Brown, Lieut.-Col. Comyn, Mrs. Comyn, and their children, the various Military Officers, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, the Hon. Mr. C. Mc Messer, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird and Mrs. Bird, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. and Mrs. Pennington, the Hon. Mr. H. T. and Mrs. Greasy, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, Dr. Addison, members of the Civil Service, Sir Henry Gollan, K.C., Mr. Justice Wood and Mrs. Wood, Mr. W. W. Horrell (Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University), the Professors of the University, the Bishop of Victoria, and Mrs. Duppy, Bishop-Valtorta, the Consuls of Portugal, Netherlands, United States, France and Italy; Chey, J. M. Alves, Messrs J. P. Braga, H. P. White, R. Sheehan, H. B. Hancock, W. L. Pattenden, A. H. Barlow, R. M. Dyer, G. M. Young, Eldon Potter, J. A. Plummer, Silva Netto, M.P., Talati, A. H. Compton, A. H. Ferguson, G. Hogg, W. E. L. Shenton, Paul Leuder, W. H. Bell, L. E. Hopkins, D. J. Lewis, F. G. Wall, D. H. Cameron, D. M. Biggar, B. L. Lewis, R. M. Abstin, Dr. Black, Mr. W. H. Dowley, Mr. Birkett and Miss Birkett, Dr. S. W. Tap, Messrs. Ho Kom-tong, Li Yau-tsun, M. K. Lo, Ei Pock-wai, Li Yick-nui and members of the Japanese community.

KOWLOON LIGHTING.

PERMISSION TO INCREASE VOLTAGE.

It is notified that permission has been given to the China Light and Power Company, (1918) Limited, to increase the voltage of their supply from 110 to 200 volts for lighting and from 200 to 350 volts for power upon the following conditions:—

(1) The change to be carried into effect without any expense whatsoever to the consumers.

(2) New lamps to be supplied, and all fans, motors and heating appliances re-wound free of cost to the consumers, and full efficiency after such change to be guaranteed.

(3) All consumers' existing wires to be tested for insulation resistance, which shall not be less than ten thousand ohms. (10,000 ohms). In the event of the resistance being less than 10,000 ohms, any alterations or repairs necessary to bring the resistance above this quantity to be carried out by the China Light and Power Company (1918) Limited free of cost to the consumers.

The permission granted in no way modifies the provisions of the Electricity Supply Ordinance, 1911, Ordinance No. 18 of 1911, or the regulations contained in the Schedule thereto.

A meeting was held yesterday at which six persons, resident in the Hong Kong Hotel when the fire took place on January 1, 1926, were present to discuss the possibility of taking action. A resolution was passed to draw up a petition requesting the Government to hold an inquiry into the circumstances of the fire. Another resolution was that those who suffered by the fire should call a public meeting. The meeting also approved of a proposal that the evidence of witnesses now in Hong Kong be obtained and arranged judicially and that for this purpose circulars be printed and forwarded to all those who have left Hong Kong requesting affidavits concerning their experiences.



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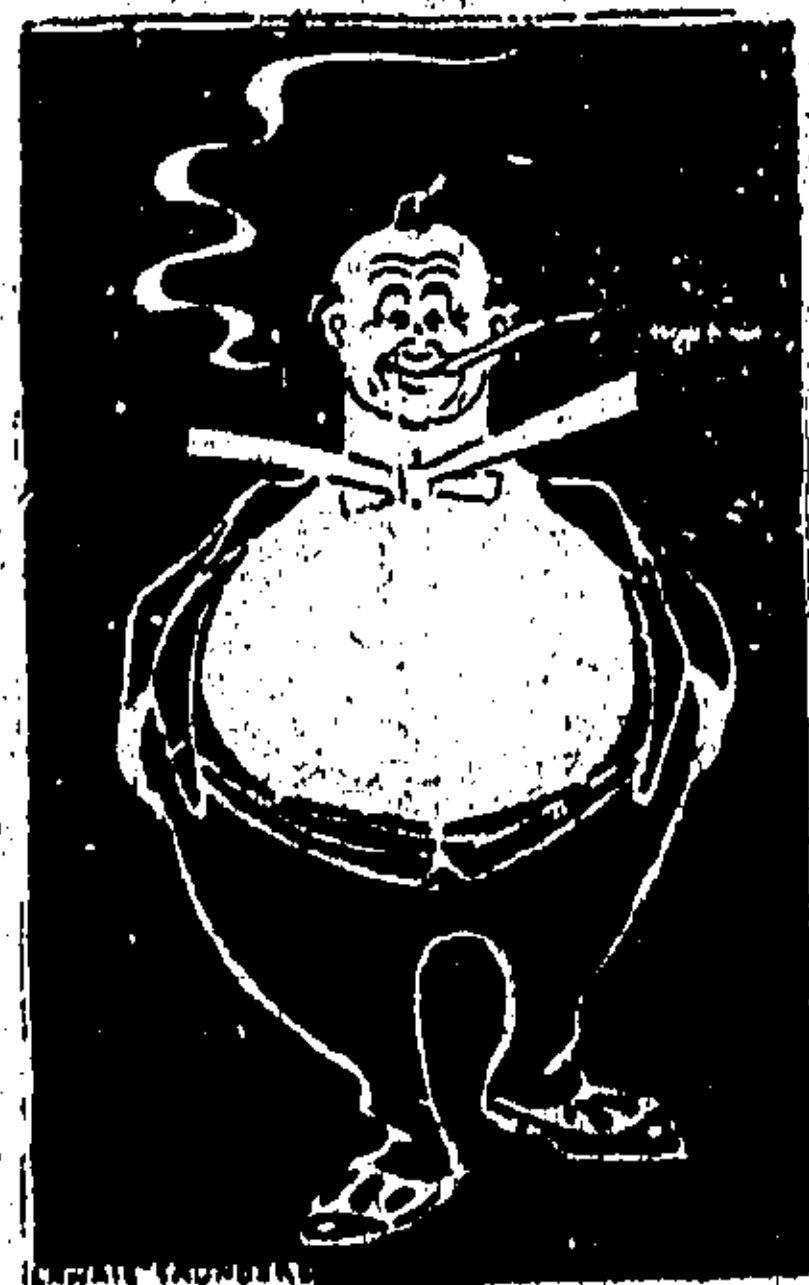
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The sailing time of the Steamboat Co.'s "Talsan" on the night run to Canton has been altered from 3 a.m. to 2 a.m. sailing every alternate day.

In the October issue of "The Nineteenth Century" an article entitled "China and the Future" is a good analysis of the life of China. It is by Mr. G. W. Keeton, of the University of Hong Kong.

The Eastern and Australian Steamship Co., Ltd. has added to the personnel of the s.s. "Tanda" two charming Australian girls to act as musicians and hostesses. This innovation should prove popular to the travelling public by this line.

New school year at St. Stephen's (boys) College, Prospect Place, Bonham Road, commences on Dec. 13 and the examination for new boys will be held on Dec. 11 at 9.30 a.m. Forms of prospectus may be had on application to the school.

The Earl of Balfour, in opening a Civil Service sports ground near Glasgow, spoke of the important place games occupied in the public and communal life of the people. He regarded them as a great moral training, as well as a great physical training.

The promotion of closer trade relationship with Great Britain is the purpose of the visit to London of three gentlemen from Poland, acting with the approval of their Governments, who, during a month's stay, propose to make a tour of the great provincial centres of industry and be the medium for an exchange of information.

Giving evidence before the Royal Commission on Cross-River Traffic, the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, who represented a number of societies and a Conference of Engineers, said that a new bridge at Charing-cross was the key to the solution of many of the traffic difficulties. In urging the preservation of Waterloo Bridge, he argued that it need not be broadened—at least for twenty or twenty-five years—if a new Charing-cross bridge were erected. It was perfectly feasible to strengthen and preserve the bridge.

Mr. A. G. Fulton, who won his second King's gold medal this year in the record Bisley tie-shoot, has secured the championship gold medal of the North London Rifle Club.

A London message says that several newspapers suggest that Colonel F. S. Jackson, the well-known cricketer, will shortly give up the position of Chief Conservative organiser. He will probably be appointed to a colonial or Indian Governorship.

Resolving of the probate of the will of the late Admiral Henry Morton Tudor, late of Burnham Shalford, Surrey, who died on January 3, 1926, has been granted. Deceased left £25,501 net in the United Kingdom and £2,800 in Hong Kong. A stipulation in the will read that to obviate risk of premature burial a medical attendant should after his death open a vein or perform such other surgical operation.

A suitcase which the Right Hon. Winston Churchill lost in the City contained some clothing, and also some correspondence relating to matters with which the Chancellor of the Exchequer had been dealing, but nothing in the nature of confidential States documents. Mr. Churchill took the case with him when making a series of calls, and it was upon his return to the Treasury that the case was missed from his car. Detectives are searching for it.

"I wanted to be a sailor when I was a girl. If a nautical career had been open to women, then I should have been a sailor. I was everything except stage-struck." The speaker was Miss Viola Tree, the well-known actress, who was addressing the Soroptomist Club on "Talent and Inclination as a basis for a career." "When I was 17," she went on, "I started on the stage, because it was my father's great idea that I should do so. At rehearsals I would be absorbed in Keats and would have to throw the book aside when my turn came. The mistake most people make is that they choose for a career what they desire instead of where their talents lie. Many comedians, for example, want to play a tragic part, as I myself have always wanted to play Lady Macbeth. Only very great people, such as Michael Angelo, Leonardo, da Vinci, and Napoleon, can do two things equally well. Ordinary folk must choose, but if they have character and pluck on they can make a success of a career."

The next Criminal Sessions open on Tuesday.

Mr. M. J. Quist, Consul General in Hong Kong for the Netherlands, who has been away on a holiday trip, will return by the s.s. "President Harrison" which is due to arrive on Monday.

Yesterday was the Hindoo New Year Day, a festival known as "Divali." On account of the recent deaths of several prominent members of the Hindoo community, the Pioneer Silk Store did not hold their customary tea party and other observances of the occasion.

It is possible for Hong Kongites to arrive in Liverpool on Dec. 15 (Belfast on Dec. 14). The "Empress of Russia" leaves Hong Kong on Thursday (Nov. 11) at 1 a.m., arrives in Vancouver on Nov. 23 and connects with the "Montreal," leaving Canada on Dec. 7. The local office has full particulars.

The ship's company of H.M.S. "Hermes," held a very successful dance at the King Edward Hotel last night. The music was supplied by the "Semreh" Band. A prize was awarded to the lady who possessed the "lucky number" ticket. Prizes were also awarded for spot and waltz dances.

Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., the Cathedral organist, announces an invitation concert to be given in the Cathedral Hall by a number of his pupils on Friday next, Nov. 12 at 9 p.m. The programme is a long and varied one and local music-lovers who will be privileged to be present are promised a rare treat.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—John Murray McBride (of the China Sugar Refining Co.), No. 2, East Point Terrace, to Margaret Elizabeth Gairns, No. 37A, Nathan Road, Kowloon; Luis Atanazio de Souza Remedios, No. 4, Peace Avenue, Ho-mun-tin, to Guilomar Maria dos Remedios, No. 6, Humphreys Avenue, Kowloon; Frederick Scheer, confectioner, No. 1, Duddell Street, to Maria Carmen de los Santos, No. 63, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A fortune of £194,165 was left by Mr. Thomas William Garrett, of Beckenham, director of Geborrie, Garrett, and Co., hairdressers' sundriesmen, who bequeathed legacies to hairdressers' benevolent institutions and to old employees of the firm.

A monument to the memory of Gabriel Rossetti, the father of Dante Gabriel Rossetti, was unveiled in September in his native town of Vasto, on the Adriatic, in the presence of the Prince of Piedmont. Speeches were made by Mr. Duncan and Senator Antonio Clippico, at one time a successor of Rossetti as Professor of Italian at London University.

Mr. Walter G. Fish, C.B.E., who was for several years news editor of the "Daily Mail," and is a director of Associated Newspapers Ltd., the company owning that paper, has been appointed editor in succession to Mr. Thomas Marlowe, whose resignation of the position was announced in mail week. Mr. Ward Price, who has been considerable service as a war correspondent, is the new assistant-editor. Mr. Fish is 62 years of age, having been born in 1874 at Accrington, Lancashire. He was educated at Westminster City School. In the year 1913 he occupied the position of Hon. Director of Publicity in the Coal Mines Department of the Government.

Monday, according to the old Chinese calendar, is the "Beginning of Winter," written as Li-tung and pronounced Leap Tung in Cantonese.

Viscount Gray of Fallodon, speaking of Alnwick, made allusion to the entrance of Germany into the League of Nations, and characterised it as the greatest single step which had been taken towards securing European peace since the League was founded.

"Character in Business" was the subject of an address at a conference of the Incorporated Secretaries' Association at Oxford by Sir John Ferguson (president of the Institute of Bankers), in which he urged young men to apply their minds to the discussion and discovery of commonsense solutions to the present absorbing financial and economic problems.

New York, October 28.—Assuming the major burden in the financial support of the Belgian stabilisation programme American financiers will absorb \$50,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 international loan and through the Federal Reserve banks will participate in the \$35,000,000 credit for the purpose of restoring Belgium's currency to a gold basis.

It is recorded in the sixth report of the Ministry of Health Advisory Committee on the Welfare of the Blind that blindness is slightly more prevalent among men than women, probably because the former are subject to great risks in industry. Forty-seven per cent. of the general population are males, but in the blind population 51 per cent. are of this sex.

With regard to the hearing at the Central Magistracy on Wednesday, in which the manager of the Wang Lee Shipping Co. was charged, on remand, with fraud (reported in the "China Mail" on Nov. 4), Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., as general managers of the Hong Kong & Territorial Estates, Ltd. inform us that our version is incorrect. The secretary of the Territorial Co. did not state in evidence that defendant called on him for information about the s.s. "Kong Ning" and was given a letter to the master. His evidence referred to the leasing of some land at Kowloon.

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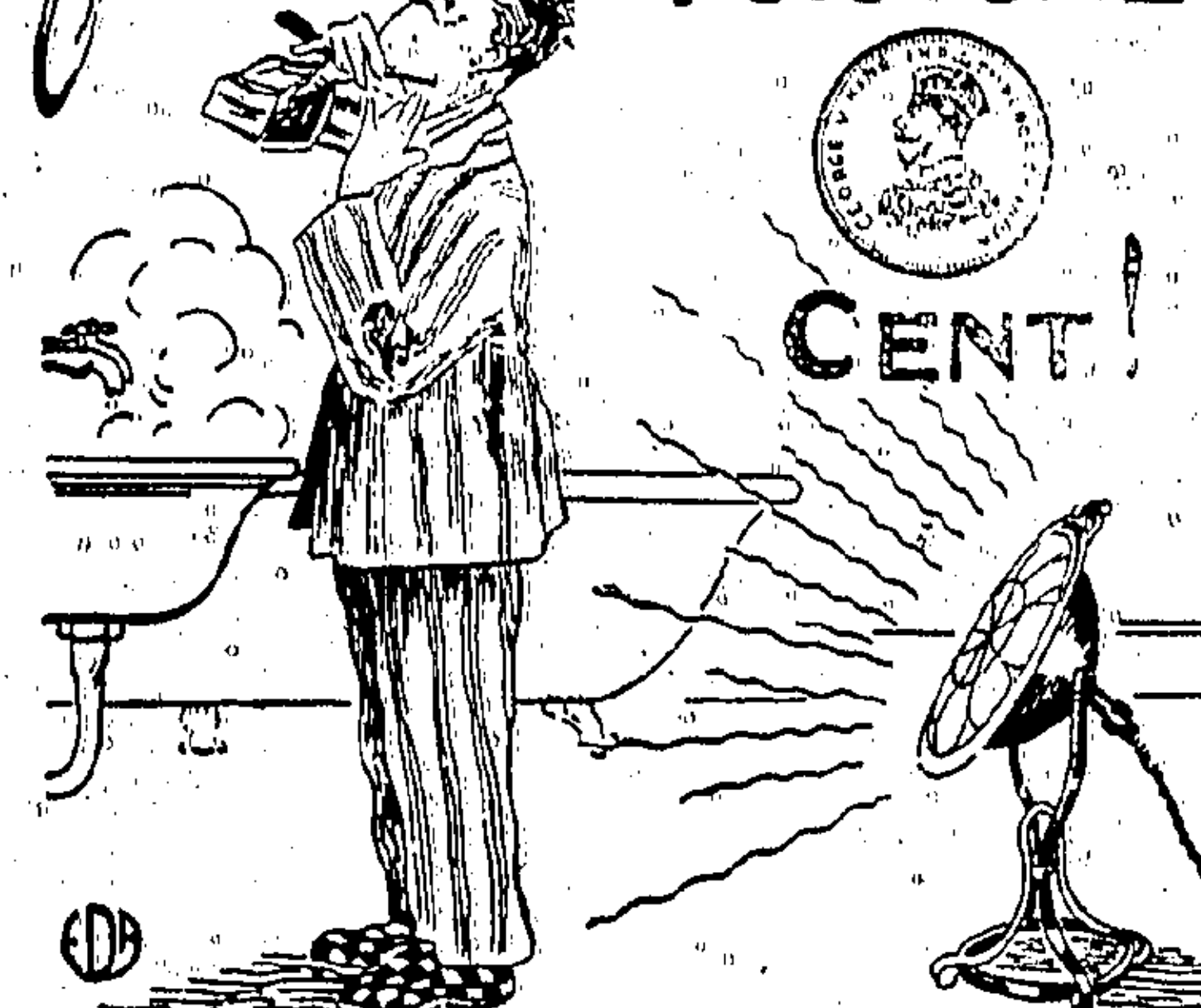
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THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL WEDDING.



Photo by Lee Yung.
Group photo taken outside St. John's Cathedral on Monday after the wedding of Mr. F. R. Fuggle of the Hong Kong Prison Department and Mrs. A. A. Mayne. Mr. H. Merriman gave the bride away and Mrs. Merriman was Matron of Honour. Mr. E. Plumb was best man. The Rev. E. V. Coyle, M.A., Cathedral Chaplain, officiated.

SPORTS SECTION

"TIPS" FOR TO-DAY.

Lady Luck's Chance in St. Leger.

SEVERAL VERY OPEN RACES.

Big Dividends at 5th Extra Meeting.

[By "Patrol"]

With the exception of Saligia in the 5th Aggregate Stakes, there is no moral certainty for to-day's 5th extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club season.

Saligia is assured of the Aggregate Cup even if he is not saddled to-day. This is all the more reason why interest should centre around the St. Leger, for 1926 griffins, 1 1/4 miles (6th race of the day), in which penalties are carried for previous victories.

Some of the ponies have improved during the summer interval. Of these a number have shown further progress. The "known" candidates of the earlier meetings have fairly big impostos. Four weeks ago, "form" was badly upset and there is every indication that there will be surprises to-day—so that big dividends will reward the more enterprising punter.

Favourable weather has handed the course, so that times will certainly be on the fast side.

At Newbury races, the protestant boycott has apparently been abandoned for good. A number of bookmakers are doing business to-day in Tattersalls ring, the majority charging 2 1/2 per cent. on winnings while others are trading on 2 per cent. on winnings and stakes.

There is, however, very little wakening done, and confined to comparatively small sums.—Reuter.

"All Very Fit."

I understand that four ponies are certain to start in the St. Leger and shall rely on Lady Luck to win. His second in the 1 1/4 miles on October 9—that famous night ride—was not convincing. But he raced with not too much preparation in the short period after his arrival in the Colony. Since then he has come on nicely as indicated in the training times published regularly in the "China Mail" during the training season.

My "tip" is based on the presumption that Brigade Call will be ridden by Mr. Gordon who, I submit with all respect, has not had enough experience in the most difficult races. At weight for inches, my choice would have been Brigade Call but I fear that the 10 lb. extra will be too much.

The Goblin will, like Brigade Call, be carrying 156 lbs. I expect to see him in the van at the beginning as his finish is not as good as that of the other two. All three are very fit.

Total Abstinence is also likely to be sent but at the weights I doubt his ability to prove dangerous.

Not Forgiveness.

Barley Grass having failed us twice at the last meeting, he shall not be forgiven, in spite of the prowess of his jockey. Quick off the mark I shall look with a small measure of confidence to Arabian Parrot annexing the 5 furlongs (1st race) for non-winners. I shall put down Barley Grass for second. Saracen is fit enough to run third. Of Recharge (Lt. Com. Thompson up) all I can say is that if he is good for a place, then he should win. Either back him both ways or not at all, is the feeling I have about this pony.

Rumour says that The Regent will not be sent out in the 2nd race, "A" Class handicap, one mile. The probabilities are Home Call, September, The Gezer, Rothesay and The Sandpiper.

If Mr. Austin dislikes the staid of 165 lbs. allotted to Grey Knight in the last race, then this old favourite may take second to Saligia in the Aggregate Stakes (4th race), 1 mile. Either September or Rayfield will get third place, if started, as others are unlikely to try here.

Another Teaser.

The fifth race is also a teaser. Sunburst Rose should run here. The Gomeril and Beldorney Star may both prefer this company to waiting for the last event but Grey Streak ought to have a shot.

The sixth race is the St. Leger to which I have referred and the 3rd race is for polo ponies, post entries.

If Dobbin starts as top-weight in the 1 1/4 miles race, I shall expect The Gnome to win, with Dobbin second. If preferred here to the "B" class, Beldorney Star should be better than Demon Boy and ought to get a place.

In relation, therefore, with the foregoing remarks, my tabulated selections are:

Race I.

1. Arabian Parrot.
2. Barley Grass.
3. Saracen.

Race II.

1. The Gezer.
2. The Sandpiper.
3. Home Call.

Race IV.

1. Saligia.
2. Grey Knight.

Race V.

1. Sunburst Rose.
2. Grey Streak.
3. Beldorney Star.

Race VI.

1. Lady Luck.
2. Brigade Call.
3. The Goblin.

Race VII.

1. The "Gnome".
2. Dobbin.
3. Loch Rannoch (or Beldorney Star, if started).

BETTING TAX.

CONFLICTING ATTITUDES OF BOOKIES.

NORTH v. SOUTH.

London, Nov. 5.

At Leeds, the secretary of the Bookmakers Protection Association announced that despite everything which had occurred in the South of England, members intended to adhere to the resolution passed 1 1/2 night to refrain from betting at the Liverpool and Lincoln meetings.—Reuter.

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SOCCER TOUR.

H.K. "TIGERS" TO VISIT MACAO.

The Chinese Athletic Association first XI and several members of the second XI have been invited to Macao by the S.C.A.A. of Macao to engage in a series of football matches during the first three days of the Industrial Fair month.

It has been tentatively arranged that "the Tigers" are to play the S.C.A.A. of Macao, the Portuguese Club and the "Rest" of Macao.

The Hong Kong Chinese players leave to-morrow morning for Macao by the s.s. "Kinshan."

A CRACK SHOT.

DEATH OF MRS. FRANK BUTLER.

Greenville, Ohio, Nov. 5.

Mrs. Frank Butler, better known as Annie Oakley, a champion marksman and ex-member of the Buffalo Troupe is dead. She once shot the ash from a cigarette in the mouth of the Kaiser.—Reuter.

BASEBALL MEETING.

There will be a Committee meeting of the Hong Kong Baseball Association on Wednesday, November 10, 1926, at the American Consulate-General (by kind permission) at 6.15 p.m., for the following purposes:

- 1.—Resignation of Mr. C. S. Ransom from the Presidency of the Association on account of his having been transferred elsewhere.
- 2.—Other miscellaneous business.

An extraordinary meeting is to be held at the Kowloon Football Club on Monday at 6.15 p.m.

ROYAL ARTILLERY SOCCER XI (RESERVES).



The R.A. Reserves who surprisingly defeated St. Joseph's College last Saturday in div. II, sec. A of the Football League. Left to right: (standing) Murphy, Whitlington, Bridgeman, Cornford, Carr; (trainer); middle row: Miles, Moulton, Power; (front row) Rogers, Newham, Revivante, Smith, Sharland.—Photo by K. Fujisawa, No. 117, Frays E.

THE NOBLE ART.

PROSPECTS OF TO-NIGHT'S BOXING.

EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

Mr. J. Brook, the popular manager of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, has again displayed his excellent judgment in arranging the programme for to-night's tournament—the first of the season—at the Theatre Royal, commencing at 9.15.

There will be six contests, comprising 48 rounds, with four men



Able Seaman Ewin, who is out to defend his title as welterweight boxing champion, at the Theatre Royal to-night.

taking part who have hitherto won Imperial Service championships.

The programme is as follows:—Main Event, 15 rounds welterweight championship (for Mr. G. M. Young's belt):—Able Seaman Ewin, H.M.S. Hermes (welter champion of Hong Kong) v. Stoker



Petty Officer "Jim" Cartledge, lightweight boxing champion of the Colony, who (in the main event) will figure in the last of his many excellent bouts in Hong Kong at the Theatre Royal to-night, prior to leaving for Home.

to which will prove the best now that Drummer Bowles and Seaman Gardner are not here.

The bout between Petty Officer Seaman Baker, H.M.S. Hermes v. Leading Telegraphist Underwood, H.M.S. Woolston.

6 rounds, middleweight:—Stoker Thomson, H.M.S. Ambrose v. Stoker Morrell, H.M.S. Hawkins.

6 rounds, featherweight:—Corporal McManus, H.M.S. Hawkins v. Marine Hills, H.M.S. Hermes.

6 rounds, featherweight:—Warrior Grant, Prisoners Dept. v. Able Seaman Mirrel, H.M.S. Carlisle.

6 rounds, welterweight:—Petty Officer Meen, H.M.S. Submarines v. Telegraphist Baker, H.M.S. Moth.

Ringcraft v. Youth.

Ewin and Cartledge met last season and the former won. They are both well known to the Hong Kong public as very capable boxers of real class and they have imposing reputations.

Cartledge is about the best ring general in Hong Kong at the moment but youth, height and reach will be on the side of his old adversary. With his experience it can hardly be supposed that "Jim" will be mapped out a course whereby to take the long end of the purse. The full distance and a draw at the end seems the most likely conclusion.

This will be "Jim's" last fight in the Colony. His many supporters wish him the best of luck and many years more of boxing after his departure.

Two Other Champions.

In the "semi-final" Underwood (who like Ewin and Cartledge is an I.S.B.A. champion) will be meeting a tough customer in Baker. The latter was often applauded in previous fights here for his game and clean methods. The odds are slightly in favour of the "Woolston" man.

Should Thomson, and Morrell "fight"—and the word is used on purpose—the whole six rounds, the former may get the referee's verdict but Morrell can fluctuate from great things to the mediocre.

Corporal McManus is another championship holder and he has a chance of victory against Marine Hills, a very doughty lad who rose from the novice class in Hong Kong and improves every day.

Good Little "Uns."

There are two other little "uns" in Warder Grant (another old favourite) and Seaman Mirrel, a new arrival. Grant is likely to start favourite. All four featherweights are worth going a long way to see and it is a moot point as

TORY CHAIRMAN.

MR. J. C. C. DAVIDSON APPOINTED.

Rugby, Nov. 5.

As leader of the Conservative and the Unionist party, the Prime Minister has appointed Mr. J. C. C. Davidson as Chairman of the Party Organisation in succession to Colonel F. S. Jackson who has been appointed Governor of Bengal. Mr. Davidson, who is thirty-seven years old, served as private secretary to Lord Crewe when the latter was Colonial Secretary, and when Mr. Bonar Law succeeded to that office he retained Mr. Davidson's services. He acted as private secretary to Mr. Bonar Law until the latter resigned the office of Prime Minister in 1921. In the last Conservative administration he combined the office of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster with that of political secretary to Mr. Baldwin and is now parliamentary secretary of the Admiralty, which office he will resign in view of his new appointment.—British Wireless Service.

JAIL AFFRAY.

THREE PRISONERS AND TWO WARDERS KILLED.

New York, November 4.

Two prisoners and a warder were killed and two on each side wounded in an exciting affray in the Tombs prison, between prisoners who secured revolvers from an unknown source and the police.

The latter employed tear gas, rifle bullets.—Reuter's American Service.

New York, November 5.

In view of the outbreak at the Tombs Prison riflemen are guarding the building and several machine-gun squads are forming the guard for the gaols owing to frequent attempts recently to escape. It is officially announced that 3 prisoners and 2 warders were killed in the affray, and one warder and a looker-on wounded.—Reuter's American Service.

EMPIRE FAMILY.

GATHERING AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

Rugby, Nov. 5.

The principal delegates to the Imperial Conference and their ladies were entertained by the King and Queen at a Buckingham Palace luncheon last night when a number of Ministers and ex-Ministers and other distinguished guests were invited to meet them. The Prince of Wales, Princess Mary, the Duke and Duchess of York Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught and other members of the Royal circle attended this "Empire family" gathering.—British Wireless Service.

TRAIN SMASH.

ANOTHER LEVEL-CROSSING ACCIDENT.

New York, November 5.

Four were killed and three seriously injured owing to the Long Island railroad express crashing at high speed into a closed motor-car trying to cross the line at a level crossing.—Reuter's American Service.

WOMAN GOVERNOR.

DEFEATED IN U.S. ELECTIONS.

Cheyenne, Wyoming, Nov. 4.

Mrs. Nellie Ross, the first woman Governor of the United States, who stood for re-election as a Democrat, was defeated by a Republican.—Reuter's American Service.

SOCIAL REFORMER.

DEATH OF THE REV. JASON CHASE.

Boston, November 4.

The death has occurred, from pneumonia, of the Reverend Jason Chase, the well-known social reformer and opponent of the drug traffic.—Reuter.

GENERAL LUARD.

TO WITNESS JAPANESE MANOEUVRES.

Tokyo, November 5.

General Luard has arrived here for the military manoeuvres on the 15th.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 6, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Name	Hongkong Stock Exchange	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association	Crutcher Brothers Share & Real Estate
T.T. on London	11 3/4	11 1/2	11 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4
Banks			
Hongkong Bank	116 1/2	117 0	117 0
Chartered Bank	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Mercantile Bank A. & B.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
P. & O. Bank	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Bank of East Asia	84	84	84
Marine Insurance			
Canton Insurance	630	625	625
China Underwriters	145	145	145
North China Insurance	714 1/2	714 1/2	714 1/2
Union Insurance	706 1/2	706 1/2	706 1/2
Yangtze Insurance	36 b Mex	40	40
Fire Insurance			
China Fire Insurance	200	200	200
H.K. Fire Insurance	610	610	610
Shipping			
Douglases	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Hongkong Steamboats	29	29	29
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Indo-China (Pref)	30	30	30
do. (Def)	42	42	42
Shell Transports	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
Star Ferries	67	65	65
Water-boats	15	15	15
Refineries			
China Sugars	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Malabon Sugars	36	35	36
Mining			
Benguet	14	14	14
Kailan Mining Ad.	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Langkats (Combined)	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
do. (Single)	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Shanghai Exploration	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Shanghai Loan	70	70	70
Raubs	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Tromph Mines	88 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Ural Caspian	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & W. Wharves	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
H.K. & W. Docks	59	58 1/2	58 1/2
Hongkew	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
New Engineerings	76 50 1/2	76 50 1/2	76 50 1/2
Shanghai Docks	126	125 1/2	126
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	9 5/8	9 1/4	9 1/4
Hongkong Lands	65	64 1/2	64 1/2
Hongkong Realty	6	6 1/2	6 1/2
H.K. Territorial	4	4	4
Humphreys Estates	16	16	16
Prince's Building	80	87	87
Rural Lands	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Cotton Mills			
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Oriental	T3 10	3 1/2	3 1/2
Shanghai Cottons (old)	T54	54	54
do. (new)	T25 1/2	28	28
Miscellaneous			
Canton Ices	5	5	5
Cements (comb.)	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
do. (old)	9	9 1/2	9 1/2
do. (new)	2	2 1/2	2 1/2
China Buses	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
China Lights (comb.)	21	18	18 1/2
do. (old)	14 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
do. (new)	11 1/2	11	11
China Prov.	5 30	5 40	5 45
Dairy Farms	19	18	18 1/2
Der A. Wing	6	6	6
Hongkong Amusements	14 1/2	14	14
H.K. Constructions	12	12	12
Hongkong Electric	64	64 1/2	64 1/2
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	26	26	26
do. (old)	10 1/2	10	10
do. (new)	5	5	5
Hongkong Tramways	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Lane, Crawfords	8	7	7
Mackintosh	35	35	35
Nanyang Tobaccos	19 1/2	19	19
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2	16	16
do. (new)	7 60	8	8
Sinceres	9 1/2	9	9
Singapore Trams	15 1/2	14 1/2	15
Taxis	2	2 1/2	2 1/2
United Asbestos	2	2	2
do. (Founders)	—	600	—
do. (Ordinary)	20	18	18
Watsons	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
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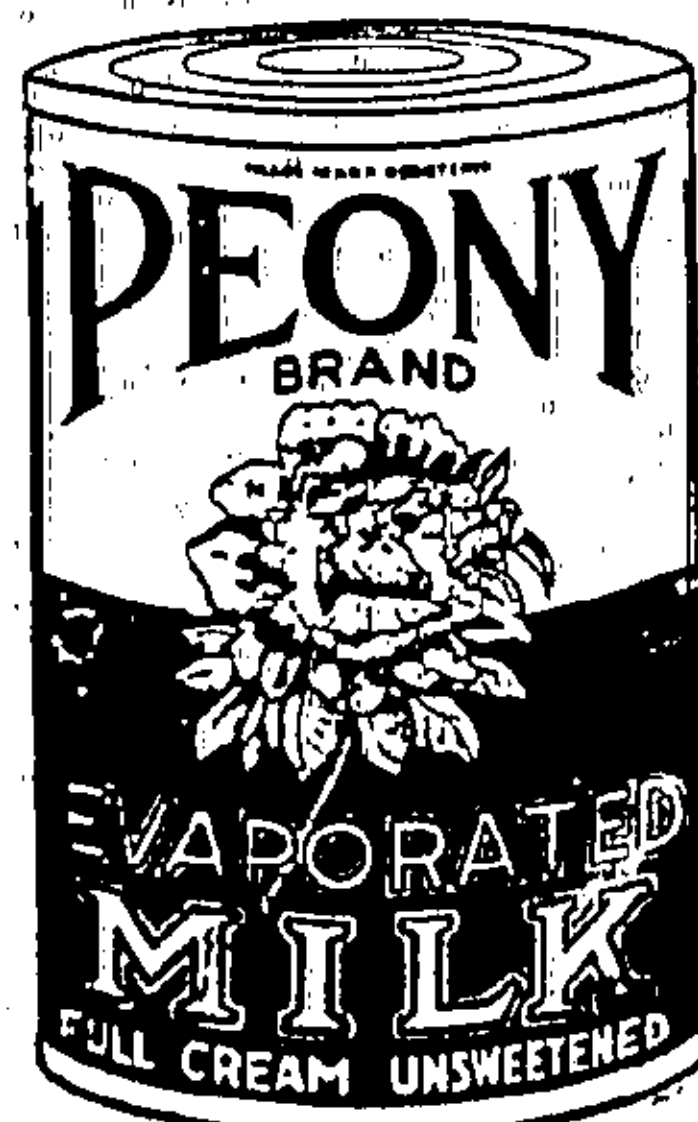
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People and Events in the News of the World



Mayor E. C. Rómulo, of Miami, rushed home from New York to assist hurricane relief work.



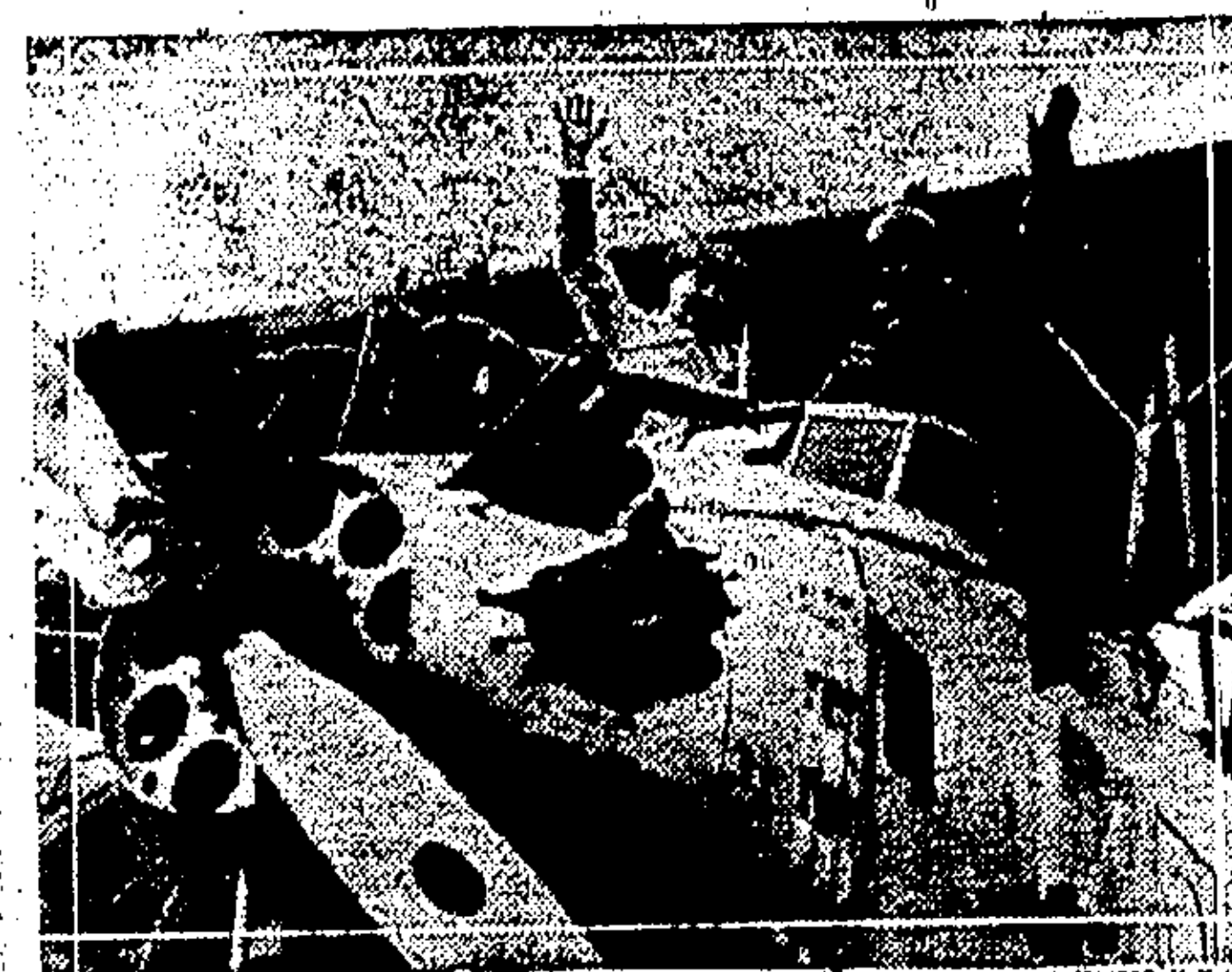
A rainstorm gave residents of Ashland, an idea of what the Florida hurricane was. This shows some of the damage in the northern town.



Mystery surrounds the visit of Walter L. Fisher, formerly U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, to Mexico, where he toured in state and was feted by the Government.



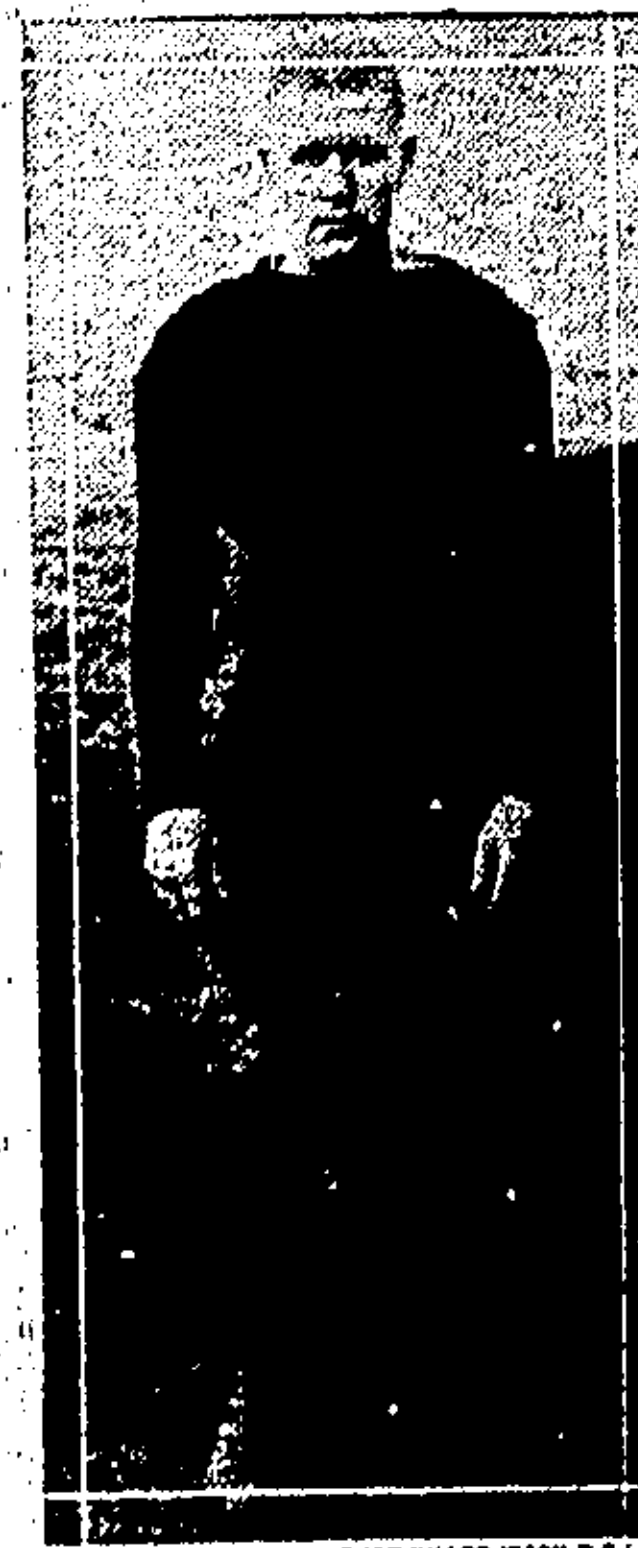
Mrs. Clemington Corson (Mrs. Gade) and the mother of two children, who makes her home in New York, is the second woman to conquer the English Channel, swimming from Cape Gris-Nez to Dover, landing sixteen hours after her start. She is 27 years old and had previously made some record swims, one being from Albany, N.Y., to New York City, down the Hudson, a distance of over 150 miles.



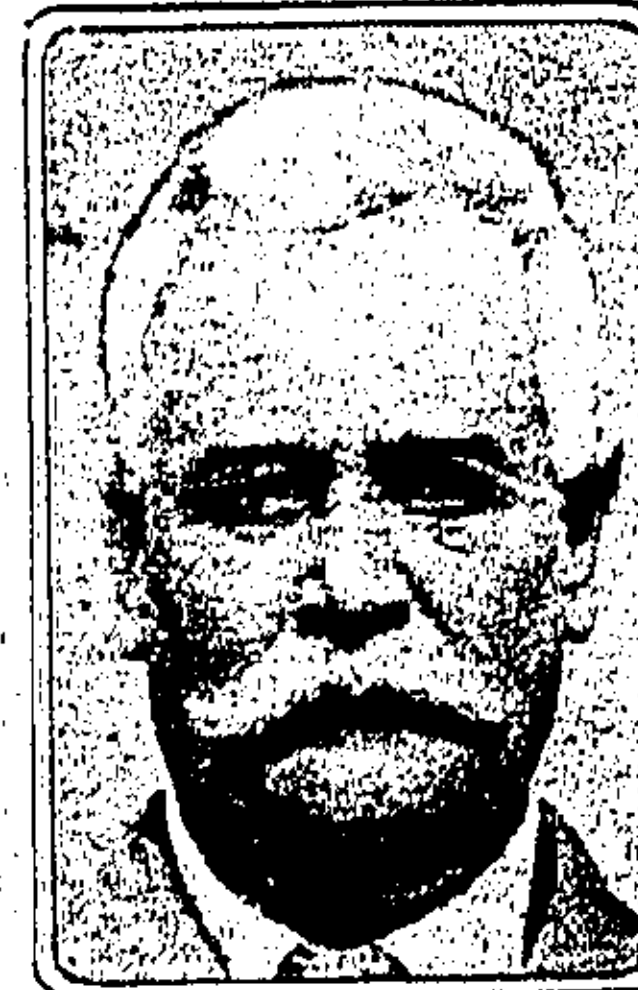
Count Igor Sikorsky, left, designer and builder of the Sikorsky plane S-35 intended for the New York-to-Paris non-stop flight and Captain Rene Fonck, French Ace, acknowledging the applause with which they were greeted when they successfully put the giant tri-motored plane through its first test flight. Unfortunately the plane subsequently crashed, two of the occupants being incinerated.



J. Arthur Jeffers, assistant vice-chairman of the Red Cross, and John Barton Payne, chairman, were photographed as they left the White House where they discussed plans for Florida relief with President Coolidge.

Two captains will have charge of the strategy of the University of Notre Dame football team when it taken to the field this autumn.
Above—Edwards, quarterback.
Below—Hearson, right half-back.

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Princess Eitel, Frederick's second son for divorce. Dr. Karl Rothe, Mayor of Leipzig, came to New York to sign his day's bond issue, saving \$5,000 in notary fees. Congress should revise antiquated public land laws, Dr. Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, said. The American people want continued Government operation of the Merchant Marine, said Edward M. Hurley, wartime chairman of the Shipping Board.

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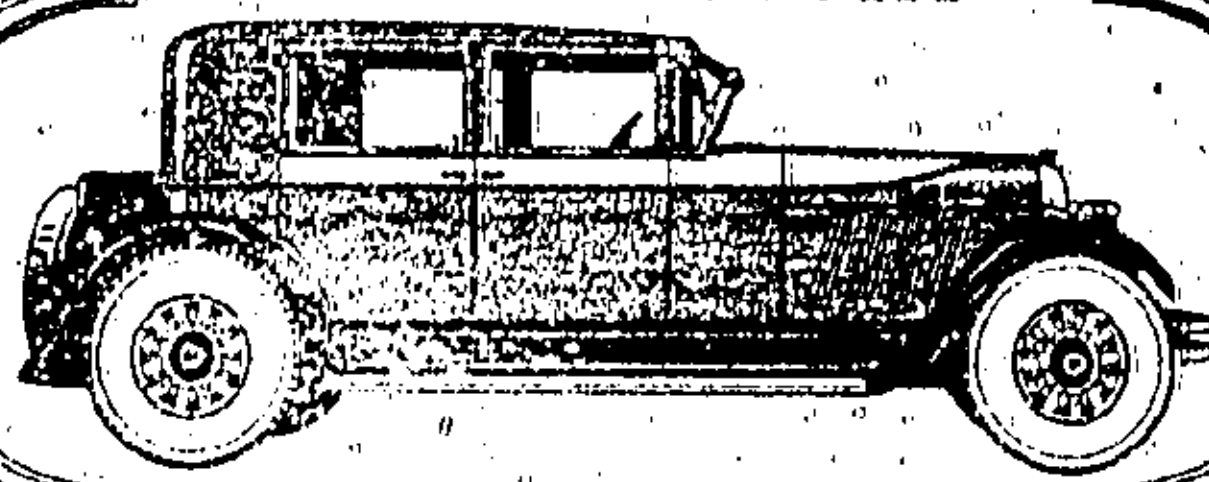
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**SEIGMUND'S PAGE.****TIT-BITS.****SHORT TURNS AND ENCORES.**

Never forget a friend if he owes you anything!

Uneasy lies the head that eats toasted bread while in bed.

Pawnbrokers prefer parties who are without redeeming qualities.

Gentlemen prefer blondes, but blondes aren't so very particular!

Some folks like to kiss by telephone. Others do not; they rather prefer to have it direct from the battery.

A Kowloon father is said to have named his new-born baby Macbeth, because he murdered sleep.

The meanest man I have ever seen is that gentleman who has a mole on the back of his neck, and buttons his collar on it so as to save the expense of buying a collar-button.

A corn on the ear is worth two on the toe.

A certain young man, on the Peak sang "Happy Be Thy Dreams" one night, and the neighbours nearly died with nightmare.

If you want to rise early in the morning, take a lot of yeast the night before.

Never rely on a man who stutters for he always breaks his word.

I chanced to see an extremely portly gentleman the other day, whose shadow even could kill a child.

Soldiers must be very dishonest, for there is scarcely a single night when a sentry is not relieved of his watch.

No matter how poor a man is, he can always have a watch and chain. . . . What's that?—Yes, quite right, at the Victoria Gaol.

The best way for a lover to keep the other's affection is not to return it.

"The tongue of woman is her sword," 'tis said. No wonder—she never lets it grow rusty for want of using it.

Love is blind. Marriage is the eye-opener.

'TIS REGRETTED.

A young clerk in a dry goods store, Who never was on skates before, Arose badly lamed, And loudly exclaimed, "Why the deuce don't they pad the floor?"

TO PASS THE MONUMENT.

A kitchen stove—a servant girl—
A kerosine can—oh, foolish churl;
A lighted match—a flash—a boom
She now has a lot of earthy room!

A TRAGEDY.

Who went and bought me a little gun?
A pretty toy for her darling son;
Who told me to go out and have some fun?
My Mother!
One day when I did get a chance,
I shot one eye out of sister Nance.
Then, who pressed a boot against my pants?
My Father!

INELEGANT!

Lady: "Are those apples fit for a hog to eat?"
Fruiter: "I don't know, ma'am; try one and see."

MORE CONUNDRUMS.

Why are balloons in mid-air like vagrants?—Because they have no visible means of support.
Why is necessity like an ignorant lawyer?—Because it knows no law.

Who is it that marries many a wife yet lives single all his life?—A priest.
What proof have we to say that Shakespeare was a broker?—Because he furnished so many stock quotations.

What grows bigger the more you contract it?—A debt.

Which is the longest word in the English language?—Smiles—because there is a mile between the first letter and the last.

Why are policemen like electricity?—Because they are an invisible force.

When is a lover like a tailor?—When he presses his suit.

What is the best way to cure rheumatism in your foot?—Shove the foot through a plate-glass window, and then the pain is gone.

Why is a small-brained person like a small-necked bottle?—Because the less they have in them the more noise they make in pouring it out.

Why is Buckingham Palace the cheapest piece of property in England?—Because it was bought for a crown and kept up by a sovereign.

Why is a dog's tail like the heart of a tree?—Because it is the farthest from the bark.

Why are printers liable to catch cold?—Because they always use damp sheets.

STOP KIDDING.

Poppa and Momma were in Athens last Summer on a holiday. When they passed the great Parthenon, Poppa exploded:—"Momma, those ruins are 2,300 years old."

"Aw, g'wan, you can't bluff, Poppa. It's 1926 now."

REJINGLED.

"Mother, may I go to fly?"
"Yes, my darling Claire. Put on your leather coat and hat."

But don't go near the air."

HURRAH, DONOGHUE!

A teacher asked a small boy at a history class: "What are the races that have dominated England since the Roman invasion?"
"The Derby, the Oaks, the St. Leger and the Grand National, miss," he replied intelligently!

"SAILOR'S CONSOLATION."

[By Charles Dibdin.]

One night came on a hurricane,
The sea was mountains rolling,
When Barney Buntline slewed his quid,

And said to Billy Bowline: "A strong nor-wester's blowing, Bill!"

Hark, don't you hear it roar now!

Lord help 'em, how I pitie's 'em. Unhappy folks on shore now.

"Foolhardy chaps as live in towns,
What danger they are all in,
And now lie quaking in their beds,
For fear the roof shall fall in!"

Poor creatures, how they envious us,
And wishes—I've a notion—
For our good luck in such a storm,
To be upon the ocean!

"And as for them that's out all day
On business from their houses,
And late at night returning home
To cheer their babes and spouses;

While you and I, Bill, on the deck
Are comfortably lying,
My eyes! what tides and chimneys—pots
About their heads are flying!

"Both you and I have oft-times heard
How men are killed and undone,
By overturns from carriages,
By thieves, and fires in London.

We know what risks these landmen run
From noblemen to tailors;
Then, Bill, let us thank Providence
That you and I are sailors."

EIGHT MILES UP.

The French Callizo has beaten his own height record.

In October, 1924, he reached nearly seven and a half miles; in his latest flight one of his barometers marked a little over seven miles and three-quarters and another nearly eight miles. The Government laboratories are to arbitrate between them.

The temperature eight miles up was 90 degrees of frost, in the midst of a heat wave! The return journey took two hours and three-quarters with a 400 horse-power engine. The last 300 yards up were much the most difficult and took over twenty minutes.

Of course, Callizo took a supply of oxygen with him, and he had

accustomed his body in a diving-bell to rapid changes of air pressure; but coming down, doubtless owing to exhaustion, his descent was too quick, and he suffered acutely, chiefly from a blinding headache above the eyes, while muscular pains were so great that on landing he could not move, and all but lost consciousness.

THE LAST SLAVES.

New "Father Abraham" of Nepal.

The year 1926 will be remembered by thousands of humble folk in Nepal, as 1862 is remembered in America, for it has seen the freeing of the last slaves.

The owners of four or five thousand slaves in this Indian State freed them without compensation, and about a hundred paid for their own release; but over fifty thousand were paid for by the Government at a cost of £275,000, working out at about five guineas a slave. Boys under three cost something over a guinea, while men and women in their prime averaged six pounds each.

Many of the slaves have remained as the paid servants of their former owners. Many others have been settled on land in the hills.

The End of a Tragedy.

So Nepal will no longer be the scene of the tragedy pictured by the good Prime Minister in his appeal to the people. In the old days happy slave families were sold, and a mother and her baby went one way and her husband and little daughter went another way, never to meet again. Now all this is over, and Nepal's fine Prime Minister, Sir Chandra Jung, has celebrated his 64th birthday with his life dream realised. He has fought for freedom hard and long. It is not yet two years since he made an impressive appeal to his countrymen, in an historic speech, to abolish a practice on which rested the curse of God.

When Sir Chandra Jung made his appeal he declared that the trade in human beings was so revolting to the civilised world that mankind would have no friendly intercourse with nations who practised it.

The Prime Minister's Appeal.

"Recollect (he said) that, apart from the demands of religion, justice, and humanity, the good name of the country, the weal and woe of over 50,000 of your fellow beings held in slavery, body and soul, rest in your hands. The opinion you will give will be one unflinching, one which might with property come from the scions of the great ancestry which is the pride of the country."

The Prime Minister proved to be right in his forecast, of the attitude the slave owners would take to this great reform, for during the whole campaign not more than a thousand of them showed any desire to maintain the old custom; and the movement to abolish the evil has had the goodwill of rulers and people.

A PUBLIC NUISANCE.

Czecho-Slovakia, one of the best-ordered and most prosperous States of Central Europe, is at last taking steps to deal with the difficult and humiliating problem of its beggars.

Though there is no need for anybody to beg there, beggars, swarmed in the capital and all over the countryside, playing hurdy-gurdys, cracked tin whistles, and squeaky violins, or often doing nothing else for the money they receive save holding out their antiquated hats. And they all do well, for the Czech is a good-natured soul who never refuses alms.

But lately a certain town council in the North of Bohemia tried the plan of issuing special tokens valued at a half-penny each. People were asked to buy these and give them instead of the usual tip of ten hellers, which is less than a farthing. Any beggar who presented them at the local relief office would receive cash in exchange if he were found to be deserving of relief.

Hong Kong Beggars.

Very few beggars came at all to exchange their tokens, and still fewer came a second time. What is more, the district in which the tokens were issued is rapidly clearing itself of the beggar fraternity, and it is hoped other councils will follow the example and so clear the entire country of a nuisance.

Now how about Hong Kong? The beggar nuisance is surely greater here than in Czecho-Slovakia. It is to be hoped that the authorities will do something similar to get rid of the pest.

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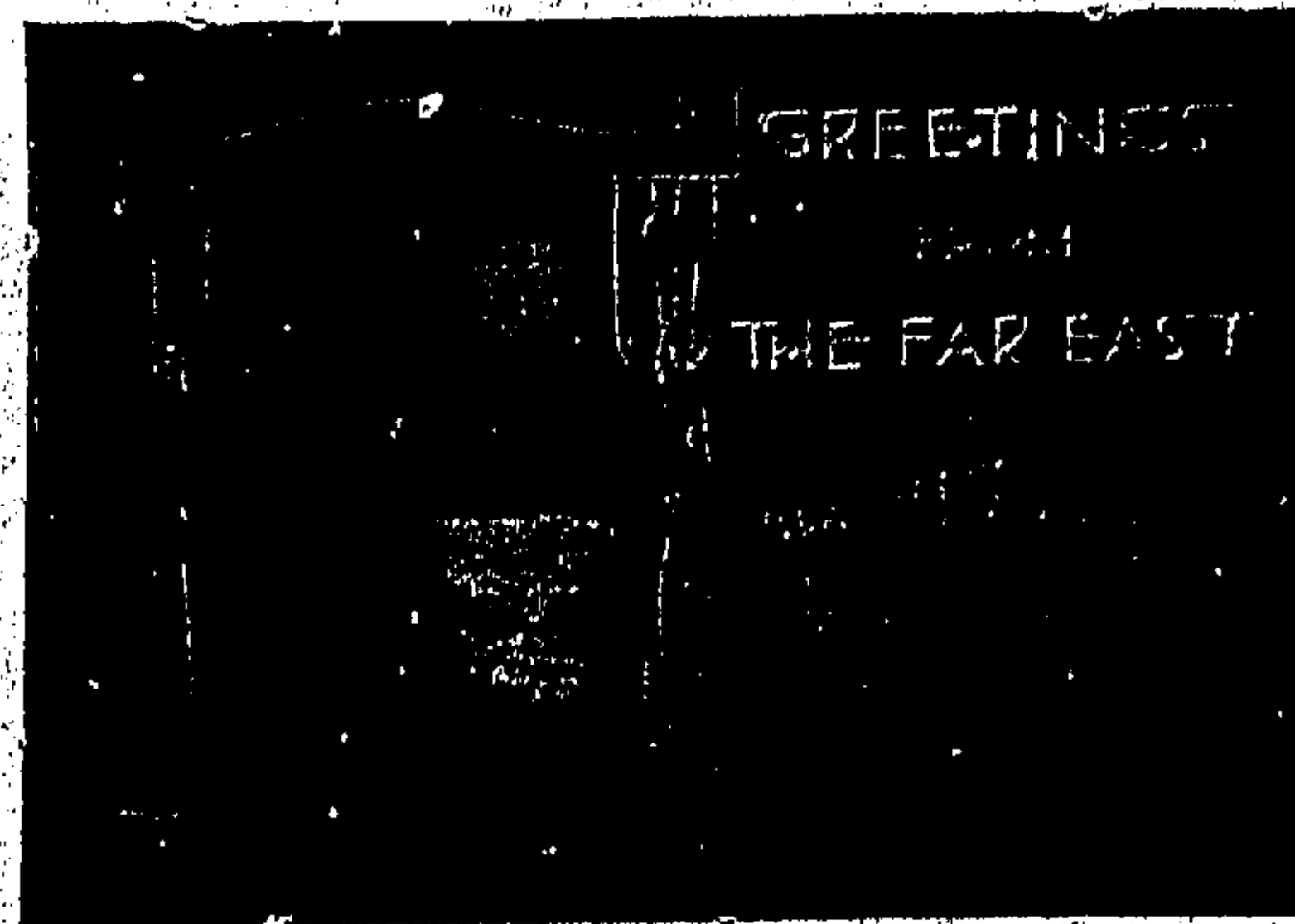
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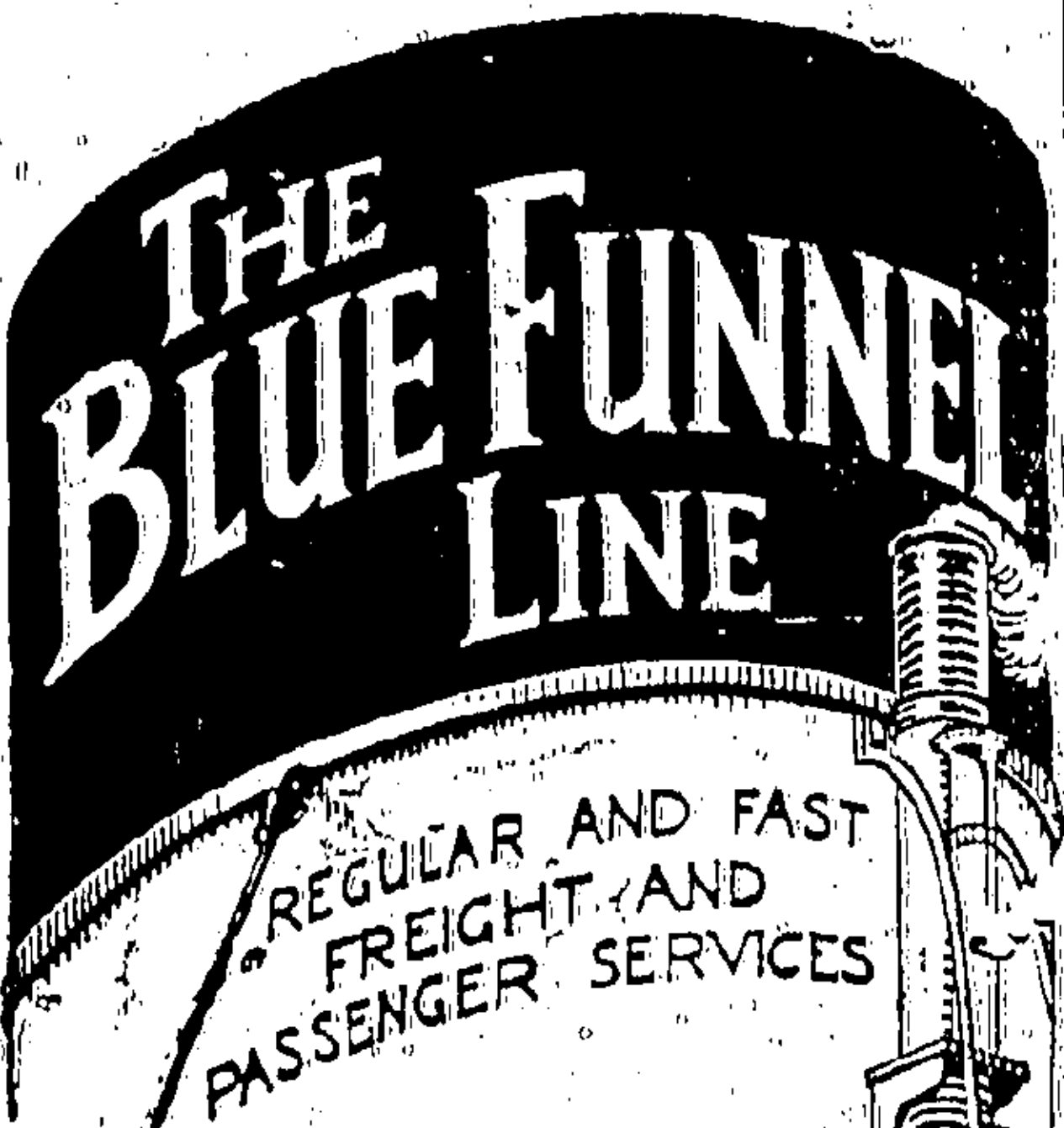
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DOOR OPEN.

COAL DEVELOPMENTS RAPIDLY IMPROVE.

MINERS TO DECIDE.

Rugby, November 5.

Negotiations for the settlement of the coal dispute have been taking place to-day at Downing Street, and there have been rapid developments.

The Mediation Committee of the Trade Union Congress was received this morning by Mr. S. Baldwin, Prime Minister and the full Cabinet Coal Committee. The mediators stated that the Miners' Executive had authorised them to accept district agreements as a basis of negotiation, providing that there were safeguards that the same national principles, which were embodied in the last national agreement, should run through all district agreements.

The Prime Minister, after leaving the Mediation Committee, consented to receive the Miners' Executive. Accordingly the miners' leaders arrived at Downing Street and the Mediation Committee left, one of them saying: "Negotiations have definitely been opened and we are now leaving it to the miners."

The discussion between the members of the Government and the miners' leaders was adjourned for lunch and was resumed later in the day.

Meanwhile, it is understood that the Government has been in touch with the Coal Owners' Association.

When the miners' leaders left Downing Street this evening it was announced that the discussion would be resumed to-morrow afternoon.

It is expected that the coal owners will visit Downing Street between now and then.—British Wireless Service.

Important Interview.

London, November 5.

Peace prospects are brightening, following an interview of the Trade Union Congress delegation with the Cabinet Coal Committee at 10, Downing Street, at noon. The miners' executive called at Downing Street at one o'clock to see the Premier.—Reuter.

Facing the Facts.

Rugby, Nov. 5.

Members of the Trade Union Congress Committee who are mediating in the coal dispute proceeded to Downing Street at noon to-day for a conference with the Premier and other members of the Government. This step was taken after a meeting between the Committee and the Miners' Executive. The position seems to be that the executive, having faced the facts of the situation are now prepared to agree to the negotiation of district agreements without restriction other than that such agreements should be governed by arrangements capable of national application.

The purpose of the meeting between the Trade Union mediators and the Government was to proceed to the negotiation of district agreements. It is presumably to ascertain definitely to what extent the Government are prepared to support a settlement on these lines. If assurances satisfactory to the miners are obtained, a resolution in favour of resuming negotiation for an immediate settlement will be put before the Miners' Delegates Conference later to-day.

At present the position is thus much more hopeful and speedy developments are anticipated although the road is not yet free from serious obstacles and the attitude of colliery owners is at the moment rather obscure.—British Wireless Service.

Definite Step.

London, Nov. 5.

Coal peace negotiations have been definitely opened, stated Mr. Cliffrine, Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, on leaving Downing Street, where the Miners' Executive are conferring with the Prime Minister. "We are now leaving it to the miners, having opened the door to a settlement."—Reuter.

Hopeful Position.

London, Nov. 5.

The Cabinet and the miners resume negotiations to-morrow. One of the Trades Union Congress mediators says that the position is more hopeful than since the stoppage began.—Reuter.

The Coal Owners.

London, Nov. 5.

The Government has now communicated with the coal owners.—Reuter.

A Meeting Arranged.

London, Nov. 5.

The Government is meeting the coal owners to-morrow before resuming the conversations with the miners.—Reuter.

BOLOGNA SEQUEL.

DRASTIC MEASURES ENFORCED IN ITALY.

ANTI-FASCIST CAMPAIGN.

Rome, Nov. 5.

Indignation throughout Italy in consequence of the attempt to assassinate Signor Mussolini in Bologna is the subject of a report by the Minister of the Interior to the Cabinet which approved of his drastic measures for public safety as follows:

The revision of all passports for abroad and the cancellation from November 9 of all passports issued except those possessed by Italians abroad.

Severe penalties, including the use of armed force, for anyone attempting to leave or abetting attempts to leave Italy without a passport.

The suppression since the die of all publications opposed to the present regime.

The dissolution of all parties, societies, and organisations having anti-Fascist aims.

The strictest Police supervision of those who have committed or who have shown an intention of committing acts likely violently to subvert the social and economic institutions of the country and endanger the safety of the State.

Severe penalties for anyone illegally wearing a uniform or insignia of any institutions especially Fascist organisations.

The creation of a Political Investigation Department attached to each Fascist Command.

Attempts On High Persons.

The Minister of Justice explained and the Cabinet approved of a Bill for the defence of the State establishing the death penalty for anyone committing an act against the life, health, or personal liberty of the King, Regent, Queen, Crown Prince, or chief of the Government, also any act calculated to lead to the subjection of the State to a foreign Power, affect the independence of the State, or compromise its unity, and anyone revealing or procuring political or military secrets or committing acts calculated to cause armed risings or participating therein, or on anyone inciting civil war or pillage.

Complicity in some of the above-mentioned crimes is punishable by 15 to 30 years' solitary confinement. The instigating of such crimes by means of the Press or their condonation is punishable by solitary confinement of five to 15 years.

Dangerous Societies.

The reconstitution under new names of Societies that have been dissolved renders the authors liable to solitary confinement for three to 10 years. Members or propagandists on behalf of such Societies are similarly liable to two to five years.

Any national outside Italian territory spreading false news regarding the internal conditions of the State is liable to solitary confinement for five to 15 years.

Sentences in default render the offenders liable to the loss of the right of citizenship and the confiscation of their property.

The foregoing crimes will be tried by special tribunals of regular or militia officers. The military penal code will be applied as in war time.—Reuter.

Cabinet Changes.

Rome, Nov. 5.

Signor Mussolini has personally taken over the Ministry of the Interior. Signor Federzoni, the present occupant, has been transferred to the Colonial Ministry, from which Signor Diaconis has resigned.—Reuter.

NOTICE.

INVESTITURE.

H.R.H. Prince George will invest H.E. the Governor as a Knight of Grace of the Venerable Order of St. John of Jerusalem on Monday next, 8th inst., at 5.15 p.m., on the Murray Parade Ground and will inspect the St. John Ambulance Corps. All are cordially invited to attend. Spectators should be in their places by 3.30 p.m.

SNUB TO SOVIET.

Washington, November 5.

The United States has refused a passport visa to enable Madame Kollontai, the newly appointed Soviet Minister to Mexico, to traverse the United States en route to Mexico.—Reuter's American Service.

EMPIRE ECONOMICS.

INDUSTRIAL STANDARDISATION REPORT.

ADVANTAGE TO COMMERCE.

Rugby, Nov. 5.

Several reports submitted by the Economic Committee of the Imperial Conference were approved by the meeting of the conference at a brief session this morning.

Those include a report on industrial standardisation within the Empire which states that the Committee was much impressed with the advantages that would accrue also to manufacturers and to buyers of goods to which the principle of standardisation was applied. It is recognised, however, not only that the principle of standardisation can be less advantageously applied in some industries than in others, but also that it is not one to be applied indiscriminately.

In particular the report points out that it is important to be aware of the risk of impeding technical progress, and to see that suitable provisions for adequate revision are not overlooked.

A considerable amount of progress has been made within the Empire both in the extension of standardisation and in securing common standards, but the belief is expressed that much more could be done to the advantage of trade within the Empire and to the trade with the world at large. It is, therefore, recommended to the several Governments of the Empire that they should take steps to promote the further development of standardisation; should arrange for the exchange of information with other parts of the Empire; and, when common standards are possible and mutually advantageous, should co-operate, with other parts of the Empire in regard thereto.

Wool Statistics.

The report on wool statistics approved by the Conference contained the following resolution:

"The Imperial Conference, impressed by the need for more complete, more uniform, and more prompt statistics regarding production, stocks, and consumption of wool throughout the world commands that such steps as are found to be most suitable should be taken to secure the co-operation of foreign countries in this matter; and, further, that the Governments of the Empire should consider the adoption of such measures as are necessary and feasible to secure the provision and publication of such statistics, provided that the foreign countries, materially concerned either as producers or consumers are prepared to take similar action."

Foodstuffs.

A further report approved by the Conference contained a resolution in the following terms:

"The conference, impressed by the need for international statistics of quantities of foodstuffs held in cold storage, recommends that suitable steps should be taken to obtain the co-operation of foreign countries in securing the compilation and prompt publication of such international statistics."—British Wireless Service.

JUDGE RESIGNS.

Washington, November 5.

Judge George English of Eastern Illinois, has resigned owing to proceedings against him on charges of manipulation of bankruptcy funds, and the usurpation of his power to use profane language on the bench. President Coolidge has accepted his resignation. The case, therefore, is now regarded as closed.—Reuter's American Service.

NO VISA FOR LADY MINISTER.

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